

五氟乙基硫叶立德：一类新的亲电五氟乙基化试剂

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摘要 发展了两个基于硫叶立德骨架的亲电五氟乙基化试剂，其合成高效简洁、固体状态下稳定而溶液中反应活性高。在温和条件下，该试剂可以与 β -酮酸酯、芳基/杂芳基碘化物以及富电子芳烃反应高产率地得到相应的五氟乙基化产物。

关键词 氟；五氟乙基；硫叶立德；亲电

Pentafluoroethyl-Substituted Sulfonium Ylides: New Electrophilic Pentafluoroethylating Reagents

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Abstract Two electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagents of pentafluoroethyl(*p*-methylphenyl)sulfonium bis(carbomethoxy)methylide (**4a**) and pentafluoroethyl(4-nitrophenyl)sulfonium bis(carbomethoxy)methylide (**4b**), and their reactions under mild conditions with β -ketoesters, aryl iodides and heteroaromatics are described.

Keywords fluorine; pentafluoroethyl; sulfonium ylide; electrophilic

1 Introduction

In 2015, we discovered that trifluoromethyl-substituted sulfonium ylide, a shelf-stable crystalline solid, was an electrophilic trifluoromethylating reagent that was able to trifluoromethylate β -ketoesters in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) using K_2CO_3 as the base or aryl iodides in the presence of copper power (Figure 1).^[1] Classically, alkyl-substituted sulfonium ylides are generally acting as nucleophilic reagents for the preparation of epoxides, aziridine or cyclopropane derivatives,^[2] the unusual umpolung reactivity of the trifluoromethyl-substituted sulfonium ylide promoted to study difluoromethyl- or monofluoromethyl-substituted sulfonium ylide and found that both of them were highly electrophilic difluoromethylating/monofluoromethylating reagents.^[3,4] More specifically, in the presence of Lewis acid of $LiBF_4$, primary and secondary alkanols reacted efficiently with reagent **2** to give

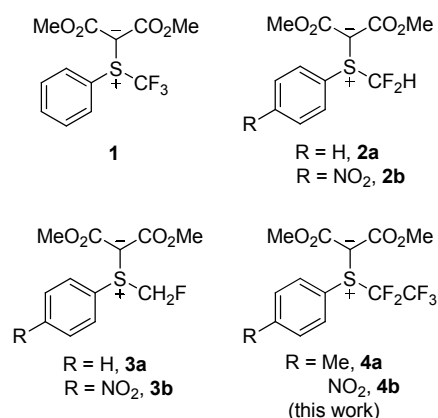


Figure 1 Electrophilic fluoroalkylating reagents based on sulfonium ylide skeleton

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difluoromethyl ethers in high yields, while reagent **3** reacted with a variety of nucleophiles such as alkoxides, aryl thiolates, amides and malonates to afford monofluoromethylated compounds in high yields.

In light of the high electrophilicity of the fluoromethylated sulfonium ylides, we wondered whether the sulfonium ylide skeleton is capable of acting as a general platform for the development of electrophilic reagents of other fluoroalkyl groups. We now disclose herein that two pentafluoroethyl-substituted sulfonium ylides **4a** and **4b** are highly electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagents, which can pentafluoroethylate β -ketoesters, aryl iodides and heteroaromatics in high yields. Previously reported electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagents including Yagupolskii and Umemoto's pentafluoroethylsulfonium salts,^[5] Togni-type pentafluoroethylbenziodoxole (BIXC₂F₅) developed by Qing, Shen and their coworkers,^[6] and Yagupolskii-type pentafluoroethylated sulfonium salt developed by Xiao and co-workers.^[7] Thus, the development of sulfonium ylide-based pentafluoroethylating reagents **4a** and **4b** represents a complement to the powerful arsenal of electrophilic reagents for pentafluoroethylation (Figure 2).

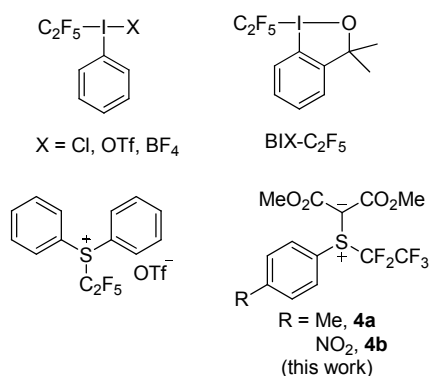


Figure 2 Previously reported electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagents

2 Results and discussion

Pentafluoroethylating reagent of pentafluoroethyl(*p*-methyl phenyl)sulfonium bis(carbomethoxy)methylide (**4a**) was prepared in 61% yield on a 4.8 g scale via a one-pot two-step process. Treatment of 4-methylbenzenethiol with C₂F₅I generated pentafluoroethyl 4-methylphenyl thioether.^[8] The crude product without further purification was allowed to react with dimethyl diazomalonate in the presence of Rh₂(esp)₂ (0.1 mol%; esp = $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -tetramethyl-1,3-benzenedipropionic acid) in dichloromethane after 2 h at 40 °C to afford compound **4a** in 61% yield.^[1] Likewise, pentafluoroethyl(4-nitrophenyl)sulfonium bis(carbomethoxy)methylide (**4b**) was synthesized by the same procedure in 23% yield on a 6.8 g scale (Figure 3). Both compounds **4a**~**4b** are air- and moisture-stable, crystalline white solids. No decomposition was observed after storing on bench for one-month.

To probe whether pentafluoroethyl-substituted sul-

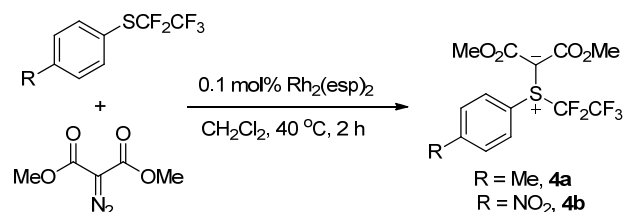
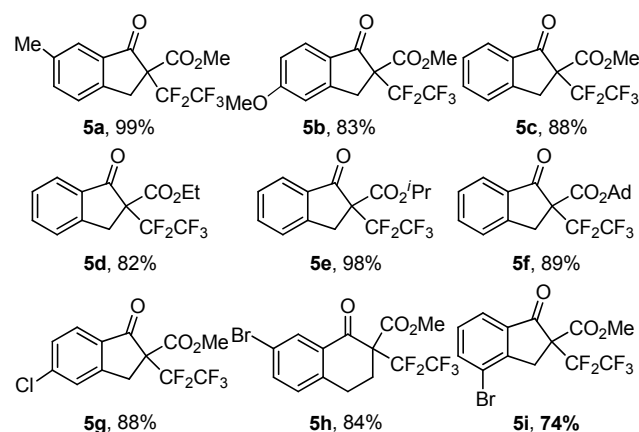
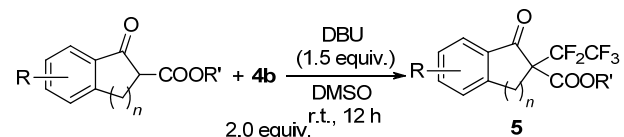


Figure 3 Preparation of pentafluoroethyl-substituted sulfonium ylides **4a** and **4b**

fonium ylides **4a/4b** can act as electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagents, we first investigated the reaction of β -ketoesters with compound **4a/4b** in the presence of a variety of different bases and solvents. After a quick screening of the reaction conditions, it was found that the highest yield for the reaction of β -ketoester with **4a** in DMSO was 64% when DBU was used as the base. The yield was greatly increased to 93% when compound **4b** was used as the electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagent. As shown in Table 1, a variety of five- or six-membered cyclic β -ketoesters can be pentafluoroethylated in good yields under mild conditions. Notably, the steric hindrance of the ester group does not have a significant effect on the yield of the reaction. Ester derived from methanol, ethanol, isopropanol or adamantanol gave the desired corresponding pentafluoroethylated compounds in 82%~98% yields (**5c**~**5f**).

Table 1 Scope for pentafluoroethylation of β -ketoesters with reagent **4b**^a

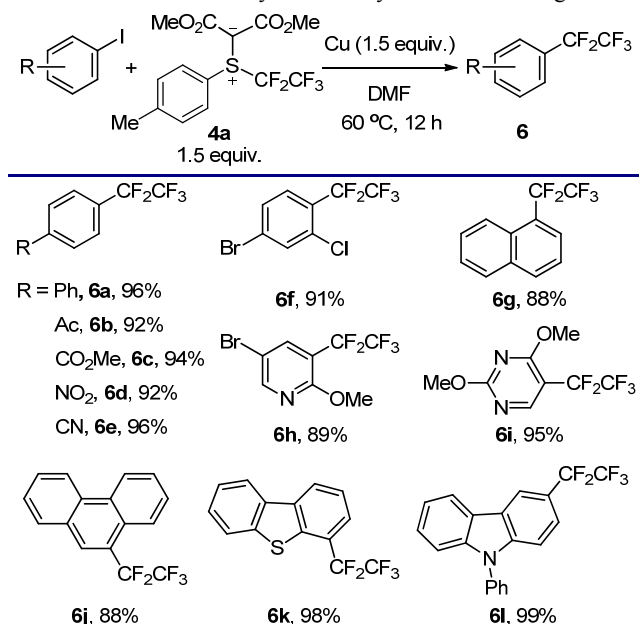


^a Reaction conditions: β -ketoester (0.5 mmol), **4b** (1.0 mmol), DBU (0.75 mmol) in DMSO (3.0 mL) at room temperature for 12 h; Isolated yields.

Encouraged by the excellent reactivity of sulfonium ylide **4b** with β -ketoesters, we next studied copper-mediated pentafluoroethylation of aryl iodides, as inspired by Xiao's copper-mediated reductive trifluoromethylation of

aryl iodides with trifluoromethyl-substituted sulfonium salt.^[9] For this reaction, reagent **4a** was more effective than reagent **4b**. It was discovered that solvent played an important role on the conversion of the pentafluoroethylation reaction. Specifically, reactions in DMF, *N*-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP) and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) occurred in full conversion, while reactions in other solvents such as acetonitrile, dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran (THF), or toluene occurred in much lower conversions. The reaction was sensitive to the reaction temperature. The highest yield was obtained when the reaction was conducted at 60 °C. Common functional groups such as ester (**6c**), enolizable ketone (**6b**), nitro (**6d**), cyano (**6e**) and halogens including chloride, bromide (**6f**) were compatible. In addition, heteroaryl iodides including iodo pyridine (**6h**), pyrimidine (**6i**), benzothiophene (**6k**) or carbazole (**6l**) were all pentafluoroethylated in excellent yields (Table 2).

Table 2 Pentafluoroethylation of aryl iodides with reagent **4a**^a

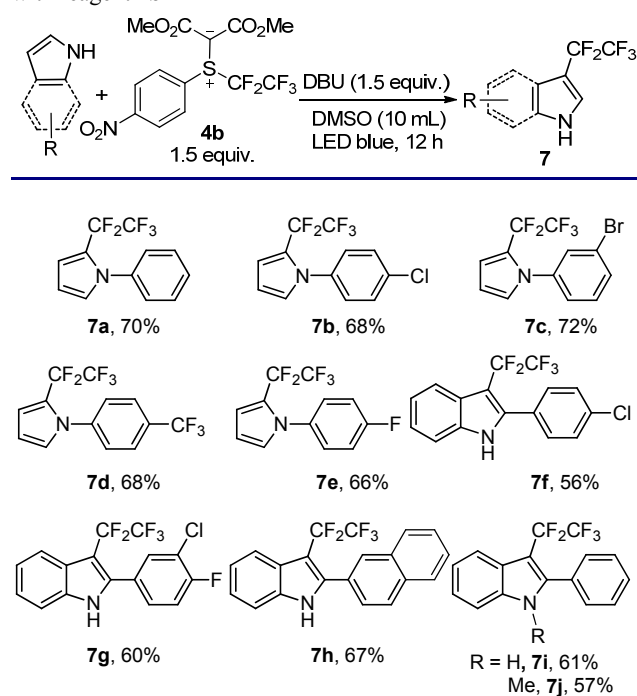


^a Reaction conditions: aryl iodide (0.5 mmol), **4a** (0.75 mmol), Cu (0.75 mmol) in DMF (3.0 mL) at 60 °C for 12 h; Isolated yields.

Having successfully developed two pentafluoroethylating reactions with reagent **4a/4b**, we next tried to direct pentafluoroethylate the arene C—H bonds, with anticipation that a pentafluoroethyl radical could be generated upon irradiation by blue LED light.^[10] After a quick screening of the reaction conditions, the reaction worked smoothly to give pentafluoroethylated 1-phenylpyrrole in 70% yield, when the reaction was conducted in DMSO using 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) as the base. Interestingly, under the same reaction condition conditions, the formation of compound **7a** was not observed when reagent **4a** was used. Control experiment showed that the reaction did not occur in the absence of blue LED and the yield of the product decreased to 20% in the absence of DBU. In addition, the yield of the reaction de-

creased significantly to 6% when 1.0 equivalent of radical inhibitor 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO) was added, which suggests a radical pathway. Based on these results, a mechanism for this reaction was proposed. A donor-acceptor between reagent **4b** and DBU is initially generated. Upon irradiation with blue LED, a pentafluoroethyl radical is formed, which reacts with arene to give pentafluoroethylated compounds. Because the electrophilic nature of the pentafluoroethyl group, only the electron-rich arenes such as indole and pyrrole with different substitution groups can be converted to pentafluoroethylated products in moderate to good yields (Table 3).

Table 3 Pentafluoroethylation of electron-rich heteroarenes with reagent **4b**^a



^a Reaction conditions: heteroarene (0.5 mmol), **4b** (0.75 mmol), DBU (0.75 mmol) in 10 mL DMSO under LED blue for 12 h; Isolated yields.

3 Conclusions

In summary, we have successfully invented two electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagents **4a/4b** from readily available starting materials. Importantly, reagents **4a/4b** powerful electrophilic pentafluoroethylating reagents are able to pentafluoroethylate β -ketoesters, aryl iodides and heteroarenes to give the corresponding pentafluoroethylated products in high yields under mild conditions. Further expansion of the applications of these reagents is undergoing in our laboratory.

4 Experimental section

4.1 General information

All solvents were purified by standard method. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a 500 MHz, 400 MHz or 300 MHz. ¹⁹F NMR were recorded on a 376 MHz or 282 MHz

spectrometer. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal standard TMS at δ 0.0 and ^{19}F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl_3 as inter standard. Flash column chromatograph was carried out using 300~400 mesh silica gel at medium pressure.

Alkyl trifluoromethylthioethers were prepared according to procedure reported by Boiko.^[8] All other reagents were received from commercial sources. Solvents were freshly dried and degassed according to the purification handbook Purification of Laboratory Chemicals before using.

4.2 General procedure for the synthesis of pentafluoroethyl-substituted sulfonium ylide (4a)

4-Methylphenyl pentafluoroethyl thioether (4.84 g, 20.0 mmol), $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ (15 mg, 0.10 mol%) and CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under N_2 . Dimethyl diazomalonate (3.2 g, 20 mmol) was added dropwise. The tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography [Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/3$, $R_f=0.3$] to give pentafluoroethyl-(4-methylphenyl) bis(carbomethoxy) methylide (**4a**) as a white solid (4.5 g, 61%). White solid, m.p. 32~34 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.81 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J=8.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -81.2 (s, 3F), -97.9 (d, $J=206.6$ Hz, 1F), -101.4 (d, $J=206.6$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 165.9, 144.8, 131.0, 130.8, 122.7, 117.8 (qt, $J=288.1$, 34.0 Hz), 111.5~118.9 (m), 55.0, 51.5, 21.4; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2993, 2953, 2844, 2251, 1735, 1701, 1670, 1594, 1491, 1436, 1403, 1331, 1229, 1189, 1127, 1089, 1015, 964, 922, 810, 772, 747, 734, 700, 635, 627, 592, 547, 517 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): 373 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 373.0527 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found 373.0528.

4.3 General procedure for the synthesis of pentafluoroethyl-substituted sulfonium ylide (4b)

4-Nitrophenyl pentafluoroethyl thioether (6.8 g, 25 mmol), $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ (19 mg, 0.10 mol%) and CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under N_2 . Dimethyl diazomalonate (5.9 g, 37 mmol) was added dropwise. The tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 12 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography [Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/2$, $R_f=0.5$] to give pentafluoroethyl-(4-nitrophenyl) bis(carbomethoxy) methylide (**4b**) as yellow liquid (2.3 g, 23%). Yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.39 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -81.0 (s, 3F), -96.3 (d, $J=202.2$ Hz, 1F), -100.0 (dq, $J=202.4$ Hz, 3.7 Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 165.4, 150.3, 132.5, 131.1, 124.9,

117.5 (qt, $J=288.3$, 33.8 Hz), 119.6~111.3 (m), 52.7, 52.0; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3110, 3001, 2956, 2847, 1739, 1710, 1670, 1604, 1580, 1533, 1477, 1437, 1400, 1331, 1228, 1128, 1091, 1010, 963, 916, 854, 800, 773, 746, 723, 679, 636, 625, 596, 544 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 246 (100), 284, 403 (M^+). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{F}_5\text{NS}$: 403.0149, found 403.0142.

4.4 General procedure for the pentafluoroethylation of β -ketoesters

β -Ketoester (0.5 mmol), DBU (114 mg, 0.750 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) and **4b** (403 mg, 1.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under N_2 . The tube added 3.0 mL of freshly distilled DMSO and the tube quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. 20 mL of water and 40 mL of ether were added to the mixture, the organic phase was separated and extracted with water (10 mL \times 5), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

Methyl 6-methyl-1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5a**).^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.4$. Yellow liquid (164 mg, 99%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, $J=17.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.54 (d, $J=17.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -79.2 (s, 3F), -114.8 (d, $J=278.6$ Hz, 1F), -116.1 (d, $J=278.6$ Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2959, 2929, 2868, 1762, 1728, 1620, 1588, 1497, 1436, 1384, 1335, 1213, 1097, 1075, 1031, 993, 911, 876, 853, 820, 791, 755, 736, 688, 648, 619, 535 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 243 (100), 263, 291, 322 (M^+). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_5\text{O}_3$: 322.0628, found 322.0622.

Methyl 6-methoxy-1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5b**).^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.3$. Yellow solid (140 mg, 83%), m.p. 78~80 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.45 (d, $J=8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J=7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.89 (d, $J=17.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, $J=17.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -79.2 (s, 3F), -114.7 (d, $J=278.6$ Hz, 1F), -115.9 (d, $J=278.7$ Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3072, 3011, 2973, 2942, 2834, 1738, 1716, 1614, 1586, 1498, 1452, 1439, 1429, 1349, 1336, 1278, 1219, 1189, 1160, 1136, 1116, 1090, 1060, 1045, 1021, 990, 973, 959, 921, 892, 853, 837, 817, 774, 758, 743, 700, 684, 674, 639, 604, 560, 528 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 259, 279, 338 (100, M^+). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_5\text{O}_4$: 338.0578, found 338.0574.

Methyl 1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5c**).^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.3$. Yellow liquid (135 mg, 88%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.81 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, $J=17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, $J=17.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375

MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -79.2 (s, 3F), -114.7 (d, J =278.8 Hz, 1F), -116.1 (d, J =278.8 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3041, 2960, 2849, 1735, 1608, 1593, 1523, 1480, 1466, 1436, 1338, 1212, 1098, 1074, 1030, 992, 977, 914, 892, 867, 820, 794, 770, 753, 689, 637, 611, 560, 532 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z : 229 (100), 249, 277, 308 (M⁺). HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₉F₅O₃: 308.0472, found 308.0471.

Ethyl 1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5d**):^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.4$. Yellow liquid (132 mg, 82%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 7.81 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J =7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J =7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J =7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.34~4.15 (m, 2H), 3.90 (d, J =17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, J =17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, J =7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -79.0 (s, 3F), -114.4 (d, J =278.7 Hz, 1F), -116.0 (d, J =278.7 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2987, 1732, 1608, 1593, 1479, 1466, 1446, 1369, 1332, 1212, 1097, 1074, 1029, 974, 911, 866, 768, 688, 636 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z : 229 (100), 249, 277, 322 (M⁺). HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₅O₃: 322.0628, found 322.0623.

Isopropyl 1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5e**):^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.6$. Yellow liquid (165 mg, 98%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 7.80 (d, J =7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J =7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J =7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.12~4.99 (m, 1H), 3.87 (d, J =17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, J =17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, J =4.1 Hz, 6H); ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -78.9 (s, 3F), -114.2 (d, J =278.5 Hz, 1F), -115.9 (d, J =278.5 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2987, 2941, 1732, 1608, 1594, 1467, 1390, 1378, 1335, 1266, 1148, 1103, 1074, 1025, 975, 923, 897, 866, 836, 793, 768, 753, 684, 634, 533 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z : 248 (100), 277, 294, 336 (M⁺). HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₅O₃: 336.0785, found 336.0781.

Adamantan-1-yl 1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5f**): Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.6$. Yellow liquid (190 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 7.81 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J =7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J =7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J =17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, J =17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -78.6 (s, 3F), -113.7 (d, J =278.3 Hz, 1F), -115.8 (d, J =278.2 Hz, 1F); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 192.8, 162.6 (d, J =7.6 Hz), 151.6, 136.0, 134.2, 128.2, 126.1, 125.3, 84.7, 77.4, 77.0, 76.7, 63.4, 63.3, 63.2, 63.0, 40.8, 35.9, 33.6 (m), 30.9; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2915, 2855, 1728, 1608, 1593, 1479, 1466, 1321, 1258, 1212, 1096, 1074, 7049, 1024, 974, 964, 940, 912, 884, 863, 771, 734, 688, 648 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z : 135 (100), 428 (M⁺). HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁F₅O₃: 428.1411, found 428.1409.

Methyl 5-chloro-1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5g**):^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.5$. Yellow solid (150 mg, 88%), m.p. 50~52 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 7.73 (d, J =8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d,

J =8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J =17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J =17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -79.2 (s, 3F), -114.6 (d, J =278.9 Hz, 1F), -116.2 (d, J =278.9 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2960, 1764, 1735, 1601, 1586, 1436, 1323, 1262, 1209, 1152, 1100, 1070, 1029, 992, 976, 892, 848, 826, 789, 735, 636, 613, 534 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z : 263, 283, 311, 342 (100) (M⁺), 344 (34.7). HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₈F₅O₃Cl: 342.0082, found 342.0075.

Methyl 7-bromo-1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (**5h**):^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.3$. White solid (162 mg, 84%), m.p. 119~121 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J =8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 2H), 2.86 (d, J =13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54~2.39 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -76.5 (s, 3F), -111.3 (d, J =279.9 Hz, 1F), -112.8 (d, J =280.0 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3078, 3058, 2964, 1729, 1705, 1589, 1476, 1456, 1437, 1405, 1351, 1310, 1285, 1271, 1219, 1171, 1150, 1132, 1109, 1080, 1065, 1014, 976, 905, 890, 859, 833, 746, 721, 657, 611, 541 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z : 281 (100), 283, 400 (25.4), 402 (25.4). HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₅O₃Br: 399.9733, found 399.9732.

Methyl 4-bromo-1-oxo-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**5i**): Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.47$. Yellow liquid (143 mg, 74%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 7.85 (d, J =7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J =7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J =7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J =19.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.50 (d, J =18.2 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -79.0 (s, 3F), -114.4 (d, J =279.0 Hz, 1F), -115.9 (d, J =279.1 Hz, 1F); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ : 191.5, 164.3 (d, J =7.1 Hz), 151.1, 139.0, 135.8, 130.2, 124.2, 121.5, 118.7 (qt, J =288.5, 36.1 Hz), 116.7~110.3 (m), 62.3 (dd, J =22.9, 18.8 Hz), 54.01, 34.4 (d, J =2.7 Hz); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2959, 1766, 1735, 1598, 1459, 1437, 1332, 1254, 1216, 1173, 1128, 1101, 1077, 1028, 976, 908, 881, 809, 784, 755, 730, 644 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z : 307 (100), 327, 355, 386 (67.3), 388 (69.1). HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₈F₅O₃Br: 385.9577, found 385.9570.

4.5 General procedure for the pentafluoroethylation of aryl iodides

Aryl iodide (0.5 mmol), Cu powder (48 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and **4a** (279 mg, 0.750 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under N₂. 3.0 mL of freshly distilled DMF was added and the tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. 20 mL of water and 40 mL of ether were added to the mixture. The organic phase was separated and extracted with water (10 mL \times 5), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

4-(Pentafluoroethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**6a**):^[3] Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f=0.6$). White solid (130 mg, 96%), m.p.

69~71 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.81~7.68 (m, 4H), 7.65 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.49~7.41 (m, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.8 (s, 3F), -114.7 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3084, 1612, 1569, 1490, 1453, 1407, 1339, 1295, 1273, 1204, 1165, 1150, 1131, 1114, 1092, 1024, 1006, 975, 954, 917, 840, 768, 739, 724, 690, 655, 628 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 203 (100), 272. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5$ 272.0624, found 272.0616.

1-(4-(Pentafluoroethyl)phenyl)ethanone (**6b**)^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/20$, $R_f=0.3$. Yellow liquid (110 mg, 92%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.06 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.8 (s, 3F), -115.6 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 1697, 1578, 1509, 1410, 1361, 1336, 1288, 1266, 1209, 1149, 1099, 1075, 1021, 976, 957, 912, 833, 744, 725, 647, 607, 590 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 223 (100), 238. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_5\text{O}$ 238.0417, found 238.0420.

Methyl 4-(pentafluoroethyl)benzoate (**6c**)^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/20$, $R_f=0.4$. Yellow liquid (119 mg, 94%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.16 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J=8.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.7 (s, 3F), -115.5 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3005, 2958, 2850, 1736, 1617, 1582, 1514, 1439, 1413, 1338, 1314, 1285, 1208, 1150, 1096, 1024, 976, 964, 860, 828, 773, 759, 712, 696, 639 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 223 (100), 254. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_5\text{O}_2$ 254.0366, found 254.0364.

1-Nitro-4-(pentafluoroethyl)benzene (**6d**)^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/20$, $R_f=0.5$. Yellow liquid (110 mg, 92%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.38 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.9 (s, 3F), -115.9 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3124, 3092, 2879, 1617, 1537, 1416, 1355, 1287, 1208, 1153, 1098, 1019, 977, 961, 911, 853, 760, 738, 710, 692, 636 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 145, 172, 203, 219, 241. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{NF}_5\text{O}_2$ 241.0162, found 241.0157.

4-(Pentafluoroethyl)benzonitrile (**6e**)^[3] Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/20$, $R_f=0.7$. Yellow liquid (106 mg, 96%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.82 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -89.0 (s, 3F), -120.2 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3108, 3063, 2237, 1931, 1616, 1577, 1508, 1412, 1334, 1286, 1262, 1208, 1154, 1100, 1024, 976, 959, 914, 840, 746, 730, 645, 601, 554 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 152 (100), 221. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_4\text{F}_5\text{N}$ 221.0264, found 221.0267.

4-Bromo-2-chloro-1-(pentafluoroethyl)benzene (**6f**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.9$; Colorless liquid (141 mg, 91%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J=9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -87.3 (s, 3F), -115.1 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 134.8, 134.3 (t, $J=2.6$ Hz), 130.7 (t, $J=8.3$ Hz), 130.3, 127.0, 125.4 (t, $J=46.5$ Hz), 119.0 (qt, $J=287.1$, 38.4 Hz), 116.1~110.9 (m); IR

(KBr) ν_{max} : 3100, 2927, 2855, 1587, 1557, 1478, 1377, 1334, 1285, 1212, 1168, 1132, 1111, 1089, 1059, 969, 954, 874, 821, 792, 746, 667, 640 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 241 (100), 308 (21.24), 310 (28.34). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_3\text{F}_5\text{BrCl}$ 307.9027, found 307.9023.

1-(Pentafluoroethyl)naphthalene (**6g**)^[11] Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.8$. Colorless liquid (108 mg, 88%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.28 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.73~7.40 (m, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -88.2 (s, 3F), -113.1 (s, 2F).

5-Bromo-2-methoxy-3-(pentafluoroethyl)pyridine (**6h**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.6$. Colorless liquid (136 mg, 89%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -87.4 (s, 3F), -117.6 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2960, 2931, 2859, 1592, 1566, 1476, 1416, 1400, 1309, 1272, 1246, 1205, 1147, 1119, 1081, 1014, 985, 912, 846, 774, 757, 694 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 225 (100), 305 (2.72), 307 (2.28). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{NF}_5\text{OBr}$ 304.9475, found 304.9474.

2,4-Dimethoxy-5-(pentafluoroethyl)pyrimidine (**6i**): Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/10$, $R_f=0.5$. Colorless liquid (123 mg, 95%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.40 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.6 (s, 3F), -113.8 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3003, 2963, 1605, 1564, 1478, 1406, 1350, 1302, 1269, 1250, 1207, 1131, 1097, 1066, 1013, 977, 954, 805, 754, 698, 680, 657, 586 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 258 (100). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{F}_5\text{O}_2$ 258.0428, found 258.0423.

9-(Pentafluoroethyl)phenanthrene (**6j**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.7$. White solid (130 mg, 88%), m.p. 54~56 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.75 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.70~7.73 (m, 4H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -82.8 (s, 3F), -108.1 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 131.8, 131.0, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 125.7~125.5 (m), 123.2, 122.6; MS (EI) m/z : 227, 296 (100). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5$ 296.0624, found 296.0622.

4-(Pentafluoroethyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (**6k**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.6$. Colorless liquid (148 mg, 98%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.29 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58~7.44 (m, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.3 (s, 3F), -113.9 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 139.5~139.3 (m), 137.6, 137.4, 133.9, 127.6, 126.1 (t, $J=6.9$ Hz), 124.8, 124.7, 124.3, 122.3, 121.6; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3068, 2924, 1942, 1819, 1458, 1446, 1398, 1336, 1325, 1280, 1250, 1209, 1152, 1135, 1099, 1084, 1052, 1023, 979, 938, 910, 854, 813, 798, 751, 730, 714, 707, 658, 630 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 233 (100), 302. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{F}_5\text{S}$ 302.0189, found 302.0186.

3-(Pentafluoroethyl)-9-phenyl-9H-carbazole (**6l**)^[11] El-

uent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.5$. Colorless liquid (190 mg, 99%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J=8.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.60~7.57 (m, 3H), 7.53~7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J=6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J=6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.7 (s, 3F), -112.5 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3066, 2923, 1633, 1600, 1504, 1490, 1459, 1437, 1366, 1335, 1321, 1259, 1238, 1204, 1146, 1122, 1110, 1085, 1028, 1015, 979, 940, 908, 893, 815, 803, 762, 747, 734, 699, 672, 641 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 292 (100), 361. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{NF}_5$ 361.0890, found 361.0884.

4.6 General procedure for pentafluoroethylation of heteroarenes

Heteroarene (0.5 mmol), DBU (114 mg, 0.750 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) and **4b** (302 mg, 0.750 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under N_2 . 10.0 mL of freshly distilled DMSO was added and the tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred under LED blue for 12 h. 20 mL of water and 40 mL of ether were added to the mixture and the organic phase was separated and extracted with water (10 mL \times 5), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

2-(Pentafluoroethyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole (**7a**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.7$. Colorless liquid (91 mg, 70%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.45~7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39~7.36 (m, 2H), 6.90~6.89 (m, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.32~6.30 (m, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -83.1 (t, 3F), -102.7 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 139.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 114.4, 108.6; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3072, 2927, 1598, 1543, 1501, 1461, 1434, 1368, 1329, 1270, 1208, 1111, 1088, 1073, 1050, 1029, 1013, 1001, 926, 883, 813, 768, 745, 734, 697 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 192 (100), 261. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{NF}_5$: 261.0577, found 261.0583.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-1H-pyrrole (**7b**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.7$. Yellow liquid (100 mg, 68%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.44~7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J=8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.86~6.85 (m, 1H), 6.74~6.73 (m, 1H), 6.34~6.30 (m, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -83.1 (t, $J=2.7$ Hz, 3F), -102.8 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 138.0, 134.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 114.7~114.5 (m), 109.0; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2956, 2926, 2855, 1545, 1497, 1461, 1435, 1408, 1368, 1331, 1270, 1210, 1130, 1110, 1093, 1050, 1039, 1019, 1011, 924, 883, 836, 749, 734, 716, 645 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 226 (100), 261, 295 (49.8), 297 (17.0). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{NF}_5\text{Cl}$: 295.0187, found 295.0192.

1-(3-Bromophenyl)-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-1H-pyrrole (**7c**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.6$. Colorless liquid (122 mg, 72%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.58 (dt, $J=6.9$, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.37~7.28 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd, $J=2.5$, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, $J=2.5$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dd, $J=3.6$, 3.0 Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375

MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -83.1 (t, $J=2.7$ Hz, 3F), -102.7 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 140.6, 131.8, 130.4, 129.9, 128.5, 125.9, 122.0, 114.8~114.6 (m), 109.1; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3131, 1593, 1578, 1545, 1486, 1459, 1438, 1366, 1329, 1272, 1209, 1113, 1090, 1051, 1041, 1018, 931, 882, 814, 787, 737, 690, 658 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 45 (100), 191, 226, 339 (18.1), 341 (15.6). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{NF}_5\text{Br}$ 338.9682, found 338.9679.

2-(Pentafluoroethyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrrole (**7d**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.7$. Colorless liquid (111 mg, 68%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.72 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.36 (t, $J=2.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -62.7 (s, 3F), -83.2 (t, $J=2.7$ Hz, 3F), -102.5 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 143.5, 131.8 (q, $J=33.0$ Hz), 129.4, 128.5, 127.0 (q, $J=3.4$ Hz), 124.6 (q, $J=272.4$ Hz), 116.3~115.9 (m), 110.4; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3137, 1619, 1547, 1522, 1463, 1436, 1418, 1366, 1327, 1271, 1212, 1172, 1134, 1108, 1090, 1069, 1050, 1040, 1020, 1012, 925, 883, 851, 735, 700 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 260 (100), 329. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_7\text{NF}_8$ 329.0451, found 329.0452.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(pentafluoroethyl)-1H-pyrrole (**7e**): Eluent: petroleum ether, $R_f=0.6$. Colorless liquid (92 mg, 66%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.34 (dd, $J=8.2$, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.31 (t, $J=2.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -83.2 (t, $J=2.6$ Hz, 3F), -102.9 (s, 2F) -112.5~-112.6 (m, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 163.7, 161.2, 135.6 (d, $J=2.9$ Hz), 129.1 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz), 128.8, 115.7 (d, $J=22.9$ Hz), 114.6~114.4 (m), 108.8; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3124, 2924, 1605, 1545, 1515, 1464, 1436, 1367, 1331, 1271, 1209, 1155, 1129, 1109, 1089, 1050, 1012, 926, 883, 843, 819, 746, 734 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 210 (100), 279. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{NF}_6$: 279.0483, found 279.0474.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(pentafluoroethyl)-1H-indole (**7f**): Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/15$, $R_f=0.3$. White solid (97 mg, 56%), m.p. 99~101 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (q, $J=8.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.41 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.6 (t, $J=2.9$ Hz, 3F), -106.5 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 138.5 (t, $J=4.6$ Hz), 135.6, 135.1, 130.8, 129.8, 128.6, 125.9 (t, $J=3.4$ Hz), 123.7, 121.8, 120.6, 111.0, 101.7 (t, $J=27.1$ Hz); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3419, 3065, 2925, 1621, 1601, 1572, 1556, 1520, 1488, 1456, 1438, 1400, 1332, 1315, 1272, 1201, 1143, 1087, 1047, 1016, 932, 834, 763, 752, 725, 707, 652, 635 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 276 (100), 345 (69.4), 347 (23.5). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{NF}_5\text{Cl}$ 345.0344, found 345.0338.

2-(3-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-3-(pentafluoroethyl)-1H-indole (**7g**): Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/15$, $R_f=0.3$. Yellow liquid (109 mg, 60%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J=6.6$, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz,

2H), 7.33 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.21~7.30 (m, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.7 (t, $J=3.1$ Hz, 3F), -106.6 (s, 2F), -113.6 (ddd, $J=8.4, 7.0, 4.6$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 160.0, 157.4, 137.1 (t, $J=4.4$ Hz), 135.1, 131.8, 129.6 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz), 128.4 (d, $J=4.1$ Hz), 125.8 (t, $J=3.0$ Hz), 123.9, 122.0, 120.6, 116.6 (d, $J=21.5$ Hz), 111.1, 102.1 (t, $J=27.2$ Hz); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3458, 3398, 3062, 1622, 1560, 1493, 1458, 1439, 1389, 1368, 1330, 1315, 1264, 1248, 1204, 1147, 1131, 1099, 1065, 1049, 1016, 942, 921, 890, 868, 827, 806, 763, 750, 728, 714, 694 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 294 (100), 363 (56.7), 365 (20.1). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{NF}_6\text{Cl}$ 363.0249, found 363.0247.

2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(pentafluoroethyl)-1*H*-indole (**7h**): Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/15$, $R_f=0.2$. Yellow liquid (121 mg, 67%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.95~7.89 (m, 3H), 7.81 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J=8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.62~7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J=7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -89.8 (t, $J=3.2$ Hz, 3F), -111.6 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 139.9 (t, $J=4.4$ Hz), 135.2, 133.3, 132.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.1 (t, $J=3.3$ Hz), 123.5, 121.7, 120.6, 111.0, 101.5 (t, $J=27.2$ Hz); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3405, 3059, 2925, 2854, 1558, 1507, 1470, 1456, 1439, 1430, 1329, 1268, 1204, 1157, 1141, 1128, 1088, 1047, 1017, 960, 931, 900, 861, 822, 793, 748, 711 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 361 (100). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{NF}_5$ 361.0890, found 361.0887.

3-(Pentafluoroethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole (**7i**): Eluent: $V(\text{ethyl acetate})/V(\text{petroleum ether})=1/15$, $R_f=0.4$. White solid (95 mg, 61%), m.p. 97~99 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.56~7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50~7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42~7.39 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33~7.27 (m, 1H), 7.27~7.22 (m, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.6 (t, $J=3.1$ Hz, 3F), -106.5 (s, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 139.9 (t, $J=4.4$ Hz), 135.2, 133.3, 132.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.1 (t, $J=3.3$ Hz), 123.5, 121.7, 120.6, 111.0, 101.5 (t, $J=27.2$ Hz); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3404, 3061, 2924, 1622, 1559, 1492, 1458, 1449, 1433, 1369, 1330, 1268, 1201, 1160, 1143, 1119, 1093, 1049, 1028, 1001, 934, 770, 761, 749, 699 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 242 (100), 311. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{NF}_5$ 311.0733, found 311.0735.

1-Methyl-3-(pentafluoroethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole (**7j**):

Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f=0.3$). White solid (93 mg, 57%), m.p. 77~79 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ : 7.76 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48~7.46 (m, 3H), 7.40~7.32 (m, 4H), 7.27~7.24 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -84.9 (t, $J=3.3$ Hz, 3F), -106.5 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3058, 2982, 2948, 1608, 1579, 1555, 1495, 1484, 1470, 1445, 1435, 1404, 1377, 1358, 1327, 1278, 1239, 1217, 1197, 1175, 1155, 1117, 1092, 1075, 1056, 1031, 1003, 925, 918, 843, 800, 762, 750, 736, 702 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z : 256 (100), 325. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{NF}_5$ 325.0890, found 325.0883.

Supporting information ^1H NMR, ^{19}F NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds **4a/4b**, **5a~5i**, **6a~6l** and **7a~7j**. The Supporting Information is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://sioc-journal.cn/>.

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