

## 镍催化多氟芳烃与烷基卤化物的还原烷基化反应

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**摘要** 多氟芳烃是医学和材料化学中一类重要的化合物,但制备烷基化多氟芳烃仍然具有挑战性.在此,报道了在温和条件下镍催化的多氟芳烃与烷基卤化物的还原烷基化反应.多氟芳烃(含 3~6 个 F 的结构)可与多种类型烷基卤化物(如伯、仲、叔烷基碘化物)顺利反应.通过 Ni 催化和(Bpin)<sub>2</sub>/K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> 作为终端还原剂的结合,实现了 C(sp<sup>2</sup>)—C(sp<sup>3</sup>)键的高效生成.

**关键词** 镍催化;多氟芳烃;烷基卤化物;还原偶联

## Ni-Catalyzed Reductive Alkylation of Polyfluoroarenes with Alkyl Halides

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**Abstract** Polyfluoroarenes represent an essential group of compounds in the fields of medical and material chemistry. It is still a challenge to synthesize alkylated polyfluoroarenes. Herein, a Ni-catalyzed reductive alkylation of polyfluoroarenes with alkyl halides under mild conditions is reported. Polyfluoroarenes (3~6 F) can react smoothly with a diverse range of alkyl halides, such as primary, secondary, and tertiary alkyl iodides. The efficient formation of C(sp<sup>2</sup>)—C(sp<sup>3</sup>) can be achieved through the combination of Ni catalysis and (Bpin)<sub>2</sub>/K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as terminal reductant.

**Keywords** nickel catalysis; polyfluoroarenes; alkyl halides; reductive cross-coupling

## 1 Introduction

Polyfluoroarenes are essential fluorinated building blocks for agrochemicals, biologically active molecules, pharmaceuticals, and functional materials (Figure 1a).<sup>[1]</sup> Therefore, the synthesis of functionalized polyfluoroaromatic compounds from simple and readily accessible polyfluoroarenes has received considerable attention.<sup>[2]</sup> Transition metal catalysts for cross-coupling reactions with polyfluorinated aryl reagents (M-ArF, X-ArF, and H-ArF) are important methods to synthesize polyfluoroarenes (Figure 1b).<sup>[3]</sup> However, these methods often require the pre-synthesis of organometallic substrates, such as organolithium, organozinc, or Grignard reagents as nucleophiles, resulting in a limitation of substrate scope and a reduction in carbon framework complexity. Recently, polyfluoroaryl radicals

and radical addition to polyfluoroarenes have been developed for the alkylation of polyfluoroarenes.<sup>[4]</sup> Representative works in this field have been reported by researchers, such as Weaver<sup>[5]</sup>, Ritter,<sup>[6]</sup> Hu<sup>[7]</sup> and others.<sup>[8]</sup> Despite the progress made in the alkylation of polyfluoroarenes, general strategies for Ni-catalyzed cross-electrophile coupling of polyfluoroarenes and alkyl halides have not been explored.

Ni-catalyzed cross-electrophile coupling (XEC) protocols have developed into a reliable alternative to cross-coupling reactions.<sup>[9]</sup> Compared to traditional cross-coupling strategies, XEC utilizes readily available electrophiles to build complex carbon scaffolds, thus avoiding the pre-synthesis of organometallic substrates (Figure 1c). The activation of C(sp<sup>2</sup>)—F bond was challenging due to the higher bond dissociation energy compared to that of the

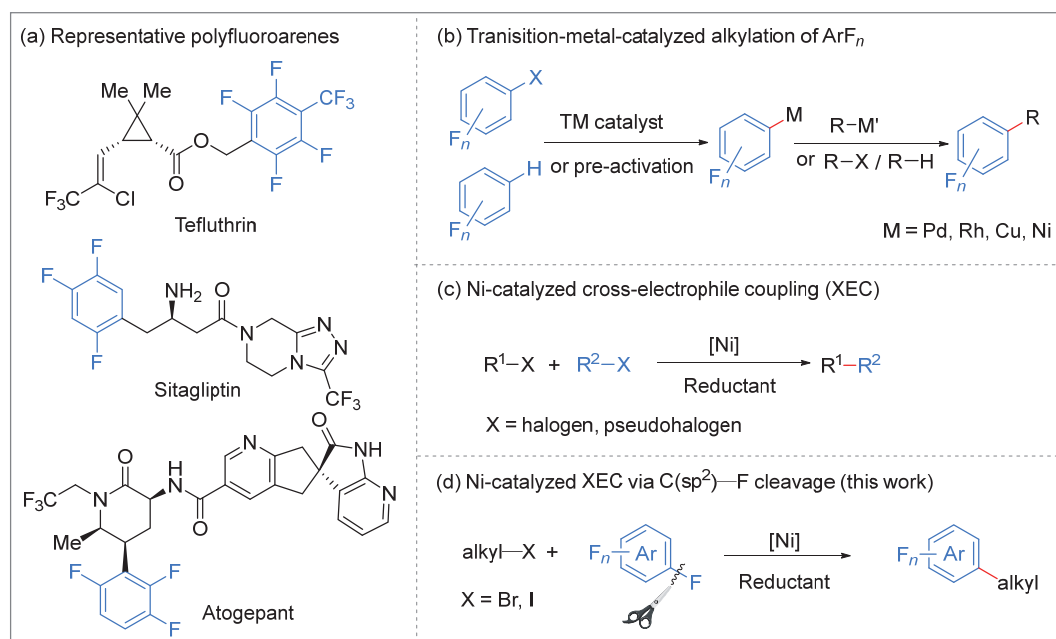
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**Figure 1** (a) Representative polyfluoroarenes; (b) transition-metal-catalyzed alkylation of  $\text{ArF}_n$ ; (c) Ni-catalyzed cross-electrophile coupling (XEC); (d) Ni-catalyzed XEC via  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-F}$  cleavage

$\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-X}$  ( $\text{X}=\text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ ) bonds.<sup>[10]</sup> Elegant works of the Ni-catalyzed XEC of  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-F}$  bonds activation have been studied, but mainly focus on  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-F}$  cleavage of alkenyl fluorides.<sup>[11]</sup> In 2017, the Fu group<sup>[12]</sup> reported the first Ni-catalyzed reductive defluorinative alkylation of *gem*-difluoroalkenes with sterically hindered secondary and tertiary alkyl halides. Inspired by this work and our continuing efforts in the field of Ni-catalyzed XEC,<sup>[13]</sup> we envisaged the feasibility nickel catalyzed alkylation of polyfluoroarenes by  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-F}$  cleavage. Herein, we have developed a Ni-catalyzed cross-electrophile coupling of polyfluoroarenes with alkyl halides (Figure 1d).

## 2 Results and discussion

Initially, we commenced the investigation with iodocyclohexane **1a** and perfluorobenzene **2a** as the model substrates to evaluate the Ni-catalyzed reductive cross-coupling reaction (Table 1). Initially, using  $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$  as the catalyst, bpy as the ligand and Zn powder as the reductant, the model reaction was performed in *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (DMA) at 80 °C for 12 h. The target product 1-cyclohexyl-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzene (**3a**) was obtained in 7% yield (Table 1, Entry 1). After testing various reductants, it was determined that  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2/\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$

**Table 1** Optimization of the reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>

| Entry | Catalyst (mol%)                     | L (mol%) | Reductant                | Base (equiv.)                 | Solvent                  | Yield <sup>b</sup> /% |
|-------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | Zn                       | —                             | DMA                      | 7                     |
| 2     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | Mn                       | —                             | DMA                      | 4                     |
| 3     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)   | DMA                      | 24                    |
| 4     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)   | THF                      | 18                    |
| 5     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)   | $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ | Trace                 |
| 6     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)   | 1,4-Dioxane              | 36                    |
| 7     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)  | 1,4-Dioxane              | 0                     |
| 8     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (15) | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)  | 1,4-Dioxane              | 28                    |
| 9     | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (10) | bpy (12) | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | CsF (2)                       | 1,4-Dioxane              | 0                     |
| 10    | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (5)  | bpy (6)  | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)   | 1,4-Dioxane              | 42                    |
| 11    | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (5)  | bpy (6)  | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2.5) | 1,4-Dioxane              | 45                    |
| 12    | $\text{NiBr}_2\cdot\text{dme}$ (5)  | py (12)  | $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$ | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2.5) | 1,4-Dioxane              | 11                    |

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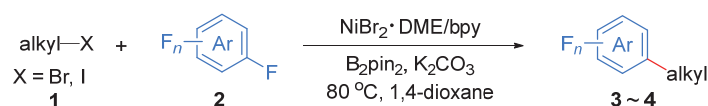
| Entry           | Catalyst (mol%)            | L (mol%) | Reductant                       | Base (equiv.)                        | Solvent     | Yield <sup>b</sup> /% |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 13              | NiBr <sub>2</sub> •dme (5) | phen (6) | B <sub>2</sub> pin <sub>2</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.5) | 1,4-Dioxane | 14                    |
| 14              | NiCl <sub>2</sub> •dme (5) | bpy (6)  | B <sub>2</sub> pin <sub>2</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.5) | 1,4-Dioxane | 47                    |
| 15              | NiCl <sub>2</sub> (5)      | bpy (6)  | B <sub>2</sub> pin <sub>2</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.5) | 1,4-Dioxane | 21                    |
| 16 <sup>d</sup> | NiCl <sub>2</sub> •dme (5) | bpy (6)  | B <sub>2</sub> pin <sub>2</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.5) | 1,4-Dioxane | 69                    |
| 17 <sup>e</sup> | NiCl <sub>2</sub> •dme (5) | bpy (6)  | B <sub>2</sub> pin <sub>2</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.5) | 1,4-Dioxane | 75 (72 <sup>c</sup> ) |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), catalyst (mol%), L (equiv.), reductant (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), base, solvent (2 mL), 80 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Yield was determined by GC using biphenyl as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yield based on **1a**. <sup>d</sup> 1,4-Dioxane (1 mL). <sup>e</sup> 1,4-Dioxane (0.5 mL). bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine, py = pyridine, phen = 1,10-phenanthroline.

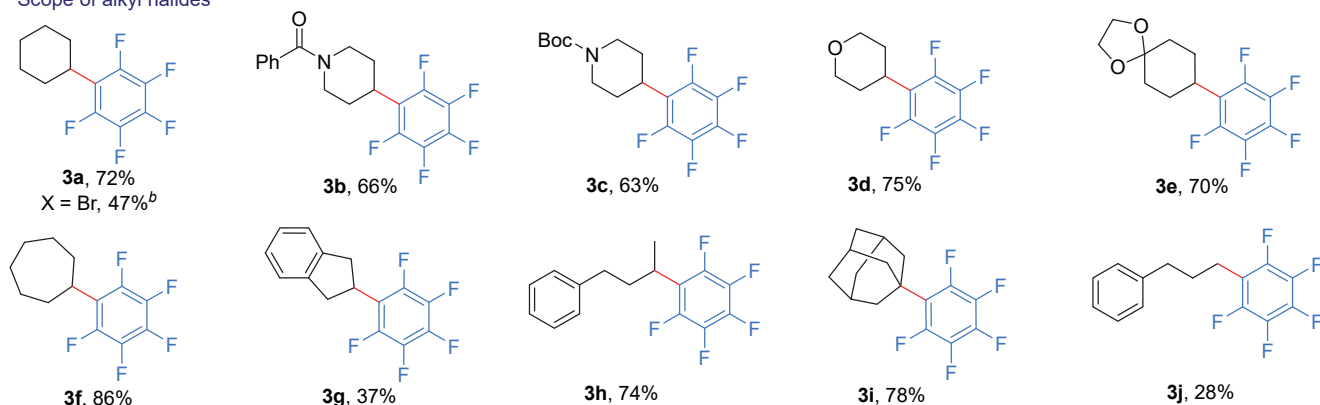
was the most suitable one producing **3a** with 24% yield (Entries 1~3). Several solvents including CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, tetrahydrofuran (THF) and 1,4-dioxane were examined, and 1,4-dioxane performed best (Entries 4~6). Next, a screen with bases such as Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and CsF did not improve the yield further (Entries 7~9). The amount of catalyst and ligand were reduced, while the yield of **3a** was improved to 42% (Entry 10). The yield was slightly improved to 45% by increasing the amount of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. Replacing bpy with py (Entry 12) or phen (Entry 13) de-

creased the yields to 11% and 14%, respectively. Further, various nickel catalysts were explored (Entries 14 and 15) and NiCl<sub>2</sub>•dme was found to be the best choice, yielding 47%. Notably, it should be pointed out that the concentration of **2a** had a great influence on the reaction system. The yield of **3a** could eventually reach 75% by decreasing the amount of solvent (Entries 16 and 17).

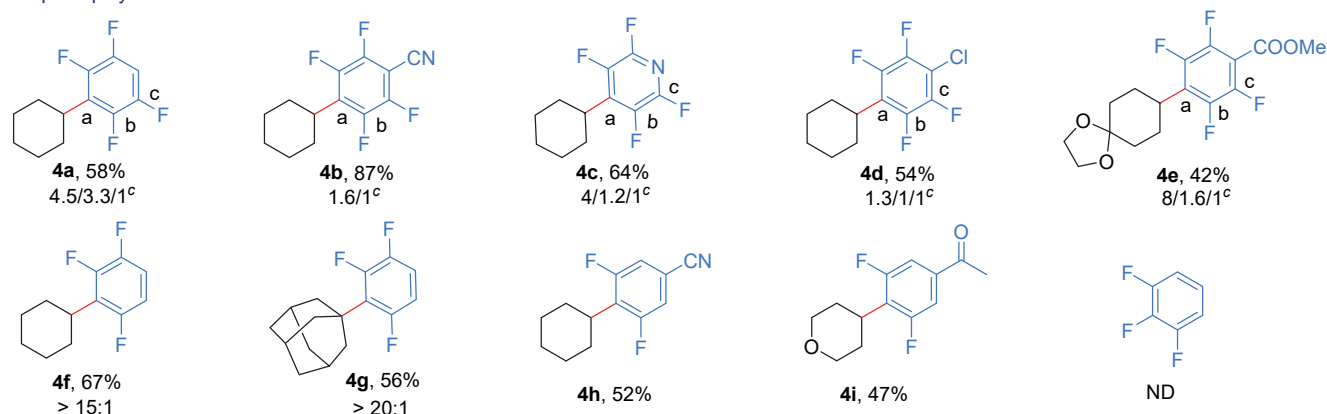
With the optimized reaction conditions in hand, the polyfluoroarylation of a variety of alkyl halides **1** with **2** were evaluated (Table 2). First, bromocyclohexane was

Table 2 Substrates scope<sup>a</sup>

## Scope of alkyl halides



## Scope of polyfluoroarenes



<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: alkyl halides **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (1 mmol), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (0.4 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol), NiCl<sub>2</sub>•dme (5 mol%), bpy (6 mol%), 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL), 80 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Using bromocyclohexane. <sup>c</sup> Sites of substitution of the substrate, the ratio of the constitutional isomers is reported based on <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra.

used instead of **1a** and the desired product **3a** was also obtained with yield of 47%. N-protected groups such as benzoyl and Boc were well compatible in the reaction, and gave the yield of 66% (**3b**) and 63% (**3c**), respectively. Meanwhile the substrates with O-contained heterocycles also reacted with good efficiency to give the desired products (**3d** and **3e**). In addition, secondary acyclic alkyl iodide can also be applied to this system by the formation of **3h** in good yield. It was worth mentioning that 1-iodoadamantane could run smoothly, affording the desired product **3i** in 78% yield. However, primary alkyl iodide **1j** was not well effective and the target product **3j** was obtained with a low yield of 28%, due to the dehalogenation and borylation of **1j** under standard conditions.

Next, the applicability of polyfluoroarenes **2** was further explored, and a variety of polyfluoroarene compounds were prepared through this Ni-catalyzed protocol in good yields. The results showed that a variety of pentafluoride-substituted arenes could provide the corresponding alkylated products with inseparable mixtures of regioisomers (**4a**~**4e**), which might be attributed to unselective radical addition to different positions. However, several functional groups including cyano (**4b**), chloryl (**4d**) and ester (**4e**) could be tolerated and polyfluoroheteroarenes like pentafluoropyridine afforded the desired product **4c** in 64% yield. Moreover, 1,2,3,4-tetrafluorobenzene could also be applied as a reactant and resulted in the generation of products (**4f** and **4g**) with good site selectivity. For 1,2,3-trifluorobenzenes, *para*-substituents including CN, acetyl were compatible with this reductive system with good reaction efficiencies and excellent regioselectivities (**4h** and **4i**). Using 1,2,3-trifluorobenzene as the partner was not effective to gain the desired product.

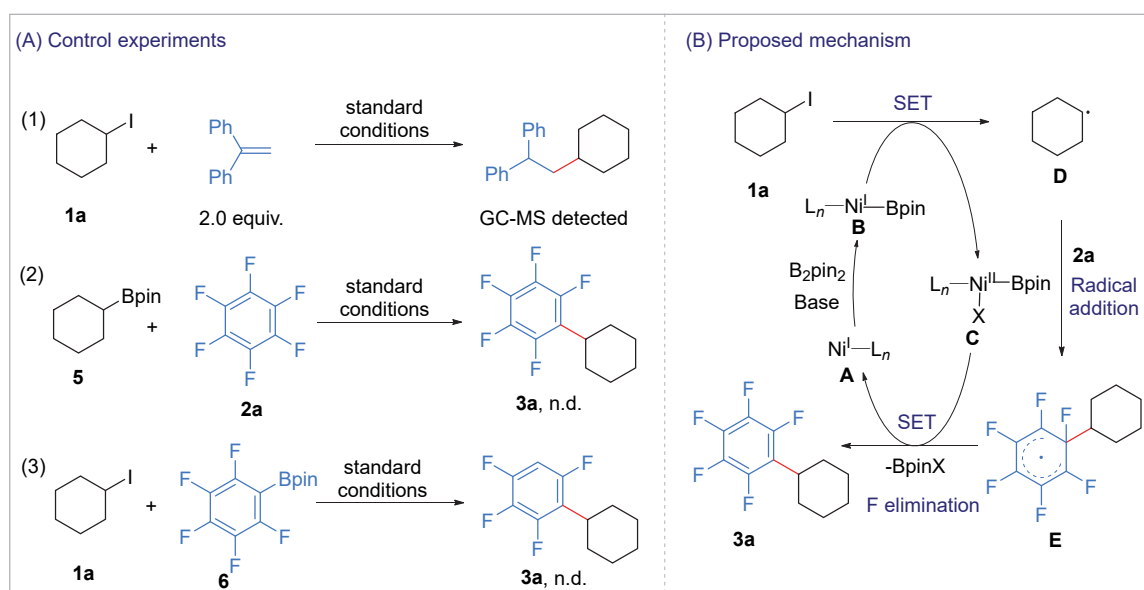
To gain more insights into the mechanism of the reaction, several control experiments were designed. (Scheme 2A). When 1,1-diphenylethylene was added under standard

conditions, the corresponding product was detected by GC-MS, revealing the involvement of alkyl radical in the catalytic cycle (Scheme 1A, Eq. 1). Previously, Fu *et al.*<sup>[14]</sup> reported the nickel-catalyzed borylation of unactivated alkyl halides, and Radius *et al.*<sup>[15]</sup> reported the nickel-catalyzed borylation of polyfluoroarenes via C—F bond cleavage. Thus, we speculated that *in situ* Suzuki coupling might be involved in this reaction. However, both the reaction of cyclohexyl borate **5** with **2a** (Scheme 1A, Eq. 2) and the reaction of pentafluorophenyl borate **6** with **1a** under standard conditions (Scheme 1A, Eq. 3) did not detect the product **3a**, which ruled out the process of *in situ* borylation and subsequent Suzuki coupling.

Based on the previous works<sup>[12,16]</sup> and the control experiments conducted, a plausible reaction mechanism is proposed (Scheme 1B). In this mechanism, the reaction is initiated with the formation of  $\text{Ni}^{\text{I}}\text{—L}_n$  complex (**A**), followed by the generation of  $\text{L}_n\text{—Ni}^{\text{I}}\text{—Bpin}$  species (**B**) through a borylation process. Subsequently,  $\text{Ni}^{\text{I}}$  species (**B**) undergoes single electron transfer (SET) to iodo-cyclohexane **1a**, leading to the generation of cyclohexyl radical (**D**) and  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  intermediate (**C**). Radical addition to hexafluorobenzene **2a** gains the radical intermediate (**E**). Next, the intermediate (**E**) undergoes SET and F elimination to afford the desired product **3a** with the regeneration of  $\text{Ni}^{\text{I}}$  species (**A**).

### 3 Conclusions

In conclusion, a novel Ni-catalyzed reductive alkylation of polyfluoroarenes with alkyl halides involving C—F cleavage has been established. A variety of alkyl-substituted polyfluoroarenes (2F~5F) can be accessed with high efficiency under reductive conditions. Our approach demonstrates a novel Ni-catalyzed reductive cross-coupling strategy in polyfluoroalkylation.



Scheme 1 Control experiments and proposed mechanism

## 4 Experimental section

### 4.1 Instruments and reagents

$^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent and TMS as an internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Water XEVO G2 Q-ToF (Waters Corporation). Melting points were uncorrected and were recorded on a SG WRS-2A melting point apparatus. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Commercially available reagents were purchased from Energy Chemical, Bide Pharmatech, Adamas-beta, and Sigma-Aldrich Co., Inc. According to the literature,<sup>[8b]</sup> alkyl iodides **1b**, **1e**, **1g** and **1h** were prepared from the corresponding alcohols.

### 4.2 General procedures for synthesis of compounds 3~4

An oven-dried 10 mL re-sealable screw-cap test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was sequentially charged with bpy (6 mol%),  $\text{NiCl}_2\cdot\text{dme}$  (5 mol%),  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). Then 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL), alkyl halides **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and polyfluoroarenes **2** (1.0 mmol, 5.0 eq.) were added into the tube in turn. All these procedures were conducted in the glovebox. Then removing from the glove box, the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

1-Cyclohexyl-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzene (**3a**): White solid (36.1 mg, 72% yield), m.p. 44~46 °C (lit.<sup>[8a]</sup> 44.8~46.2 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.00~2.93 (m, 1H), 1.87~1.72 (m, 7H), 1.42~1.28 (m, 3H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -142.89 (dd,  $J$ =22.1, 8.0 Hz, 2F), -158.53 (t,  $J$ =20.7 Hz, 1F), -162.87~-163.00 (m, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 146.4 (m), 144.0 (m), 140.6 (m), 138.7 (m), 138.1 (m), 136.4 (m), 119.8 (m), 35.3, 31.0, 26.8, 25.7.

(4-(Perfluorophenyl)piperidin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3b**): Colorless solid (46.9 mg, 66% yield), m.p. 116~118 °C (lit.<sup>[7]</sup> 117~118 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.47~7.42 (m, 5H), 4.93 (brs, 1H), 3.93 (brs, 1H), 3.29 (tt,  $J$ =12.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (brs, 1H), 2.87 (brs, 1H), 2.08 (brs, 2H), 1.81 (brs, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -142.68 (d,  $J$ =14.5 Hz, 2F), -156.69 (t,  $J$ =21.0 Hz, 1F), -162.01 (td,  $J$ =21.8, 7.6 Hz, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.5, 146.3 (m), 143.8 (m), 141.1 (m), 139.1 (m), 138.7 (m), 136.4 (m), 136.0, 129.7, 128.6, 126.8, 117.2 (m), 48.2, 42.8, 33.5, 30.2 (m).

*tert*-Butyl 4-(perfluorophenyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**3c**):<sup>[8b]</sup> Colorless solid (44.3 mg, 63% yield), m.p. 111~113 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 4.29 (s, 2H),

3.18~3.11 (m, 1H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 2.02 (t,  $J$ =11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (d,  $J$ =13.4 Hz, 2H), 1.50~1.54 (m, 9H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -142.78 (dt,  $J$ =21.9, 10.7 Hz, 2F), -157.20 (t,  $J$ =20.9 Hz, 1F), -162.31 (td,  $J$ =21.9, 7.7 Hz, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 154.7, 146.4 (m), 143.9 (m), 141.0 (m), 138.9 (m), 136.4 (m), 117.8 (m), 79.7, 44.4, 33.5, 29.9, 28.5, 28.4.

4-(Perfluorophenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (**3d**):<sup>[6]</sup> Colorless liquid (37.8 mg, 75% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 4.13~4.09 (m, 2H), 3.57~3.50 (m, 2H), 3.27 (tt,  $J$ =12.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.27~2.15 (m, 2H), 1.69~1.64 (m, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -142.91~-143.00 (m, 2F), -157.36 (t,  $J$ =20.9 Hz, 1F), -162.36~-162.51 (m, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 146.4 (m), 144.0 (m), 140.9 (m), 138.8 (m), 138.4 (m), 136.3 (m), 117.8 (m), 68.23, 32.48, 30.6 (m).

8-(Perfluorophenyl)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane (**3e**): White solid (43.1 mg, 70% yield), m.p. 109~111 °C (lit.<sup>[8a]</sup> 108.6~113 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.97~3.93 (m, 4H), 2.99 (tt,  $J$ =12.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.18~2.06 (m, 2H), 1.87~1.81 (m, 2H), 1.77~1.70 (m, 2H), 1.64 (td,  $J$ =13.4, 4.2 Hz, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -142.22~-142.64 (m, 2F), -157.91 (t,  $J$ =20.8 Hz, 1F), -162.67 (m, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 146.4 (m), 144.0 (m), 140.7 (m), 138.9 (m), 138.3 (m), 136.5 (m), 11.6 (m), 107.9, 64.5 (d,  $J$ =5.6 Hz), 35.2, 34.0, 28.3.

(Perfluorophenyl)cycloheptane (**3f**):<sup>[8b]</sup> Colorless solid (45.4 mg, 86% yield), m.p. 41~43 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.15 (tt,  $J$ =10.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00~1.78 (m, 6H), 1.79~1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68~1.53 (m, 4H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -143.05 (dd,  $J$ =22.6, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -159.11 (t,  $J$ =20.8 Hz, 1F), -162.96~-163.11 (m, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 145.8 (m), 143.3 (m), 140.3 (m), 138.8 (m), 137.8 (m), 136.3 (m), 121.8 (m), 121.6 (m), 36.8, 33.5, 27.7, 27.6.

2-(Perfluorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (**3g**): White solid (21.1 mg, 37% yield), m.p. 100~102 °C (lit.<sup>[8c]</sup> 101~102 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.29~7.23 (m, 4H), 4.03 (p,  $J$ =9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36~3.26 (m, 4H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -141.36~-141.46 (m, 2F), -157.50 (t,  $J$ =21.0 Hz, 1F), -162.55~-162.68 (m, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 142.0, 126.7, 124.3, 38.5, 34.0.

1,2,3,4,5-Pentafluoro-6-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)benzene (**3h**):<sup>[8a]</sup> Colorless oil (44.4 mg, 74% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.31 (t,  $J$ =7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t,  $J$ =7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$ =6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (dq,  $J$ =13.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (ddd,  $J$ =13.8, 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (ddd,  $J$ =13.8, 9.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (ddt,  $J$ =15.4, 9.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (ddt,  $J$ =13.3, 9.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d,  $J$ =7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -142.69~-142.77 (m, 2F), -157.98 (t,  $J$ =20.9 Hz, 1F), -162.73~-162.82 (m, 2F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 146.4 (m), 143.9 (m), 141.3, 140.7 (m), 138.8 (m), 138.2 (m), 136.3 (m), 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 119.2 (m), 36.7, 34.3, 30.2, 19.6.



1-(Perfluorophenyl)adamantane (**3i**):<sup>[8b]</sup> Colorless solid (47.2 mg, 78% yield), m.p. 67~69 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.26~2.25 (m, 6H), 2.12~2.09 (m, 3H), 1.87~1.77 (m, 6H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -137.07~-138.15 (m, 2F), -158.55~-158.57 (m, 1F), -162.96~-163.09 (m, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 147.5 (m), 145.0 (m), 139.8 (m), 138.9 (m), 137.8 (m), 136.7 (m), 122.4 (m), 41.18, 41.13, 41.07, 40.46, 36.50, 28.82.

1,2,3,4,5-Pentafluoro-6-(3-phenylpropyl)benzene (**3j**):<sup>[8a]</sup> Colorless oil (16.1 mg, 28% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.34 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27~7.22 (m, 3H), 2.81~2.71 (m, 4H), 1.98 (tt, *J*=9.5, 6.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -144.04~-144.39 (m, 2F), -158.01 (t, *J*=20.8 Hz, 1F), -162.79~-163.17 (m, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 146.3 (m), 143.8 (m), 141.2, 140.8 (m), 138.7 (m), 138.3 (m), 136.2 (m), 128.4, 128.3, 126.1, 115.2 (m), 35.4, 30.7, 22.11 (d, *J*=1.8 Hz).

3-Cyclohexyl-1,2,4,5-tetrafluorobenzene (**4a**):<sup>[8a]</sup> Colorless oil (26.9 mg, 58% yield, 4.5/3.3/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.07~6.62 (m, 1H), 3.10~2.85 (m, 1H), 1.90~1.76 (m, 7H), 1.47~1.26 (m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -117.35 (d, *J*=10.7 Hz, 0.7F), -135.42 (ddd, *J*=20.6, 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 0.9F), -136.79 (dd, *J*=21.6, 5.0 Hz, 0.7F), -140.10 (dd, *J*=21.8, 12.4 Hz, 2F), -140.38 (ddd, *J*=20.8, 12.1, 1.7 Hz, 0.2F), -143.58 (dd, *J*=21.7, 12.6 Hz, 2F), -145.22~-145.94 (m, 0.2F), -156.34~-158.05 (m, 0.3F), -158.77~-161.13 (m, 0.3F), -165.80 (td, *J*=21.2, 10.7 Hz, 0.9F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 147.3 (m), 146.1 (m), 144.8 (m), 143.6 (m), 125.8 (m), 119.8 (m), 108.6 (m), 103.1 (m), 100.6 (m), 36.7~35.0 (m), 32.9~30.7 (m), 26.8~26.5 (m), 25.9~25.7 (m).

4-Cyclohexyl-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzonitrile (**4b**):<sup>[8a]</sup> Colorless oil (44.8 mg, 87% yield, 1.6/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.16~3.03 (m, 1H), 1.97~1.78 (m, 7H), 1.47~1.28 (m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -130.78 (ddd, *J*=21.0, 11.5, 6.9 Hz, 0.6F), -132.82~-133.74 (m, 2F), -138.04~-138.37 (m, 0.7F), -139.60 (td, *J*=16.4, 7.2 Hz, 2F), -145.02 (td, *J*=20.6, 7.0 Hz, 0.6F), -155.86 (td, *J*=20.5, 4.0 Hz, 0.7F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 148.4 (m), 148.3 (m), 146.2 (m), 145.8 (m), 143.7 (m), 134.6 (m), 132.4 (m), 111.1 (m), 107.7 (m), 91.6 (m), 36.4 (m) 30.6~30.4 (m), 26.5 (m), 25.5 (m).

4-Cyclohexyl-2,3,5,6-tetrafluoropyridine (**4c**):<sup>[8a]</sup> Waxy oil (29.9 mg, 64% yield, 4/1.2/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.16~2.87 (m, 1H), 1.95~1.57 (m, 7H), 1.48~1.24 (m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -70.55 (dt, *J*=23.9, 15.0 Hz, 0.6F), -84.57 (td, *J*=26.8, 15.5 Hz, 0.5F), -88.52~-88.67 (m, 0.6F), -92.07~-92.24 (m, 2F), -117.12 (ddd, *J*=19.4, 17.2, 15.2 Hz, 0.7F), -140.40 (td, *J*=18.8, 15.4 Hz, 0.5F), -144.21~-144.38 (m, 2F), -149.24 (ddd, *J*=27.7, 19.1, 2.4 Hz, 0.5F), -161.66 (ddd, *J*=26.0, 18.4, 2.4 Hz, 0.5F), -167.24~-167.42 (m, 0.7F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 146.7 (m), 144.9 (m), 142.3 (m), 141.6 (m),

139.1 (m), 131.7 (m), 38.6, 36.4 (m), 34.7 (m), 30.6 (m), 26.4 (m), 25.5 (m).

1-Chloro-4-cyclohexyl-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzene (**4d**): White solid (28.7 mg, 54% yield, 1.3/1/1), m.p. 38~40 °C (lit.<sup>[8a]</sup> 38.3~39.6 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.24~2.97 (m, 1H), 1.91~1.73 (m, 7H), 1.47~1.28 (m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -120.19 (d, *J*=9.1 Hz, 0.8F), -136.75 (dd, *J*=22.0, 8.8 Hz, 0.6F), -137.22~137.24 (m, 0.9F), -137.30~137.37 (m, 0.9F), -140.19 (dd, *J*=20.7, 8.7 Hz, 0.8F), -142.04~-142.14 (m, 2F), -142.18~-142.28 (m, 2F), -157.59 (t, *J*=20.6 Hz, 0.8F), -157.77 (t, *J*=20.7 Hz, 0.8F), -162.78 (td, *J*=21.6, 9.2 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 146.4 (m), 145.4 (m), 144.0 (m), 143.0 (m), 141.81, 129.0 (m), 123.8 (m), 35.6 (m), 30.8 (m), 30.2 (m), 26.7 (m), 25.6 (m).

Methyl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl)benzoate (**4e**): Colorless oil (29.3 mg, 42% yield, 8/1.6/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 4.01~3.97 (m, 7H), 3.14~3.03 (m, 1H), 2.26~2.11 (m, 2H), 1.93~1.60 (m, 6H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -116.84 (dd, *J*=10.4, 4.8 Hz, 0.4F), -129.70 (ddd, *J*=21.6, 8.6, 4.6 Hz, 0.4F), -135.62 (ddd, *J*=21.8, 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 0.4F), -138.60 (ddd, *J*=20.7, 11.7, 3.7 Hz, 0.3F), -139.99~-140.16 (m, 2F), -140.85 (ddd, *J*=22.2, 11.8, 4.1 Hz, 0.3F), -141.55~-141.71 (m, 2F), -152.69 (d, *J*=4.1 Hz, 0.3F), -155.93~-160.05 (m, 0.3F), -163.66 (d, *J*=11.0 Hz, 0.4F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.2, 160.5 (m), 146.1 (m), 145.9 (m), 143.5 (m), 127.5 (m), 110.2 (m), 107.8 (m), 64.4 (m), 53.1 (m), 35.0 (m), 34.6 (m), 28.2 (m), 27.9 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.1057, found 349.1052.

2-Cyclohexyl-1,3,4-trifluorobenzene (**4f**):<sup>[8a]</sup> Colorless oil (28.7 mg, 67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.00~6.92 (m, 1H), 6.81~6.74 (m, 1H), 3.06~2.99 (m, 1H), 1.90~1.76 (m, 7H), 1.46~1.29 (m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -118.93 (dd, *J*=15.2, 3.2 Hz, 1F), -137.56 (dd, *J*=20.8, 3.1 Hz, 1F), -142.89~-142.98 (m, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 157.8 (m), 155.4 (m), 150.3 (m), 148.6 (m), 147.9 (m), 146.2 (m), 124.5 (m), 113.9 (m), 110.6 (m), 35.4 (m), 30.9 (m), 26.8, 25.8.

1-(2,3,6-Trifluorophenyl)adamantane (**4g**): Colorless solid (29.8 mg, 56% yield). m.p. 71~73 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.00~6.71 (m, 2H), 2.28 (d, *J*=2.9 Hz, 5H), 2.13~2.04 (m, 4H), 1.87~1.77 (m, 6H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -111.35 (dd, *J*=14.0, 3.2 Hz, 1F), -132.07 (dd, *J*=18.2, 3.0 Hz, 1F), -142.04 (dd, *J*=18.2, 14.1 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 158.5 (m), 156.0 (m), 151.3 (m), 149.4 (m), 148.7 (m), 147.0 (m), 126.7 (m), 113.9 (m), 111.4 (m), 41.1, 41.1, 41.0, 36.7, 28.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.1355, found 267.1369.

4-Cyclohexyl-3,5-difluorobenzonitrile (**4h**): Colorless solid (22.9 mg, 52% yield). m.p. 65~67 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.32~7.14 (m, 2H), 3.06 (tt, *J*=12.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.91~1.73 (m, 7H), 1.47~1.28 (m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -109.41 (s, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 162.5 (m), 160.1 (m), 128.9 (m), 116.8 (m), 115.6 (m), 110.8 (m), 35.3, 30.6, 26.7, 25.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 244.0908, found 244.0906.

1-(3,5-Difluoro-4-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)phenyl)-ethan-1-one (**4i**): Colorless solid (22.6 mg, 47% yield). m.p. 82~84 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.45~7.38 (m, 2H), 4.08~4.04 (m, 2H), 3.50 (td, *J*=12.1, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (tt, *J*=12.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.27~2.16 (m, 2H), 1.62~1.56 (m, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -111.56; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 195.37, 162.67 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 160.19 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 137.02, 125.67 (m), 111.61 (m), 83.59, 68.42, 32.51, 30.46, 26.57, 25.09; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 263.0854, found 263.0847.

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