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Cu(I)-Catalyzed *gem*-Aminoalkynylation of Diazo Compounds: Straightforward Synthesis of Fluorinated Propargylic Amines

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ABSTRACT: The *gem*-aminoalkynylation of fluorinated diazo compounds catalyzed by a simple Cu(I) salt is described. This 3-component reaction allows the straightforward synthesis of propargylic amines with broad functional group tolerance. Both electron-rich and electron-poor anilines can be used as nucleophiles and alkyl, aryl and silyl-substituted EthynylBenzio-doXoles (EBX) as electrophiles.

Fluorine chemistry has become one of the most important areas of research in synthetic and medicinal chemistry. The introduction of fluorine atoms into organic molecules has a strong impact on their lipophilicity, acidity and hydrogen bonding affinity and increases as well their metabolic stability.^{1,2} In particular, trifluoromethylated propargylic amines are an important subclass of building blocks, due to the synthetic versatility offered by the alkynyl and amine groups and the importance of α -trifluoromethylated amines in bioactive compounds.³ The two most often used synthetic approaches to access them are the addition of metal acetylides on trifluoromethylated imines,⁴ and the reduction/hydrogenation or addition of organometallic reagents to alkyne-substituted trifluoromethylated ketimines (Scheme 1a, A and B).⁵⁻⁷ The addition of Ruppert-Prakash reagent to propargylic imines has also been reported (Scheme 1a, C).⁸ However, the imines needed for these methods are often unstable and need to be prepared *in situ*. Alternative methods for accessing fluorinated propargylic amines avoiding the use of these intermediates would be therefore attractive.

In this context, diazo compounds are attractive starting materials in synthetic chemistry.9 In the last decade, they have been especially successful in multi-component reactions involving ylide intermediates.¹⁰ They give access to fluorinated building blocks either by using fluorine-containing partners in the multi-component reaction¹¹ or starting from fluorinated diazo compounds.¹² The latter approach has been exploited for the synthesis of nitrogen containing compounds using nitriles,¹³ isocyanides,¹⁴ NFSI¹⁵ and amines^{16,17} as partners. The use of broadly available nucleophilic amines is especially attractive and has been exploited both in the Brønsted or Lewis acid activation of diazo compounds for the addition to *in situ* formed imines to give aziridines^{16a,b} or triazolines^{16c} (Scheme 1b, A) and in the enantioselective synthesis of 1,2-diamines proceeding via an iron-carbene intermediates (Scheme 1b, B).¹⁷ However,

the synthesis of propargylic amines has never been reported starting from diazo compounds.

Scheme 1: Main strategies for the synthesis of trifluoromethylated propargylic imines and multi-component reactions with diazo compounds.

a. Main strategies for the synthesis of trifluoromethylated propargylic imines



b. Three-component reactions with trifluoromethyl diazo compound $\mathbf{1a}$ and amines



c. Three-component reactions with EBX reagents



To access propargylic amines from a multi-component reaction with amines as nucleophiles, an electrophilic alkynetransfer reagent would be required. Our group has popularized the use of ethynylbenziodoxol(on)es (EBX) cyclic hypervalent iodine reagents (HIR) for the Umpolung of the reactivity of alkynes.¹⁸ We have in particular reported the two-component reaction between EBX and diazo compounds,¹⁹ and a three-component reaction using alcohols as nucleophiles (Scheme 1c, **A**).²⁰ Herein, we report the extension of three-component reactions between diazo compounds and EBX reagents to anilines as nucleophiles, resulting in a Cu(I)-catalyzed *gem*-aminoalkynylation of diazo compounds for the straightforward synthesis of fluorinated propargylic amines (Scheme 1c, **B**).

During a preliminary screening of amine nucleophiles including aliphatic amines, anilines and carbamates, threecomponent products were observed only in the case of anilines with benziodoxole reagent 2a and 2-diazo-1,1,1-trifluoroethane (1a). The reaction conditions were then optimized for methyl 4-aminobenzoate (3a) as nucleophile and the best results were obtained with 10 mol% Cu(MeCN)₄SbF₆ at 50 °C during 1 h in DCE (Table 1). The desired product 4aaa was obtained in 80% yield (entry 1).²¹ Replacing the catalyst by the commercially available Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ gave **4aaa** in slightly lower yield (73%) (entry 2). Other Cu(I) catalysts led to lower yields (entries 3 and 4). Cu(II) catalysts, such as Cu(OTf)2 or Cu(OAc)2, were also less efficient (entries 5 and 6). In presence of ligands, a lower yield was obtained, and no product was formed in absence of catalyst (see Supporting Information). In addition, the yield of 4aaa decreased to 49% when the reaction was conducted under more diluted conditions 0.07 M and to 72% when more concentrated (entries 7 and 8). At room temperature, 4aaa was obtained in 65% yield (entry 9).

Table 1. Optimization Studies

N ₂ H CF ₃ + 1a (2 equiv.)	$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} & \\ & \\ X \end{array} \\ (0.14 \text{ M}) \\ X = (CF_{3})_{2}(2a) \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ MeO_{2}C \\ 3a (4 \text{ equiv.}) \\ Cu(MeCN)_{4}SbF_{6} \\ (10 \text{ mol}\%) \\ MeO_{2}C' \\ M$	CF ₃
entry	deviation from standard conditions	yield of 4aaa [%]ª
1	None	80
2	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	73
3	Cu(OTf)•PhMe	37
4	CuI	12
5	Cu(OTf)2	50
6	Cu(OAc) ₂	n.d.
7 ^b	[2a] = 0.07 M	49
8 ^b	[2a] = 0.2 M	72
9b	at 25 °C	65
10	PhCl	73
11	DCM, 40 ºC	77
12	PhMe	56
13	1a (1.5 equiv.)	66
14	3a (3 equiv.)	60
15	TIPS-EBX (2a') instead of 2a	n.d ^c
16	EDA instead of 1a	n.d.

^aYield determined by ¹⁹F NMR using PhCF₃ as internal standard at a 0.1 mmol scale; diazo compound **1a** was added in 30 min via a syringe pump (0.33 M in DCM, 0.6 mL). ^bUsing 10 mol% Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ as catalyst. ^cThe two-component oxyalkynylation product was obtained as a major product.

The use of others chlorinated solvents (PhCl and DCM) led to the formation of **4aaa** in slightly lower yield (entries 10 and 11). The use of toluene afforded **4aaa** in only 56% yield (entry 12), and no product was obtained in acetonitrile (not shown, see Supporting Information). An excess of both **1a** and **3a** was needed as using a smaller amount led to lower yields (entries 13 and 14). This is mostly due to the formation of an aminal sideproduct **4aaa'** resulting from oxidative double addition of aniline **3a** on the diazo compound (See Supporting Information). The use of a benziodoxole hypervalent iodine regents was essential, as the corresponding benziodoxolone reagent TIPS-EBX (**2a'**) gave oxyalkynylation instead (entry 15). With ethyl diazoacetate (EDA) in place of **1a**, no product was observed (entry 16).

With optimized conditions in hand, we started the study of the scope and limitations for the *gem*-aminoalkynylation of diazo compounds.²² Different EBX reagents were examined first (Scheme 2). On a 0.3 mmol scale, TIPS-alkyne product **4aaa** was obtained in 50% isolated yield.²³ Aryl alkynes could be also accessed, with phenyl-substituted alkyne **4aba** isolated in 73% yield. Both an electron-rich methoxy group and an electron-poor nitro group were tolerated on the benzene ring, giving products **4aca** and **4ada** in 43% and 30% isolated yield. Product **4aea** bearing an unprotected aldehyde could not be obtained. Thiophene-substituted alkyne **4afa** was isolated in 45% yield. Finally, aliphatic alkynes **4aga** and **4aha** could also be synthesized in 40% and 46% yield respectively.

Scheme 2. Scope and limitations of EBX reagents 2^a



^aReactions were run with 0.3 mmol of **2**. Isolated yields of pure compounds. ¹⁹F-NMR yields using PhCF₃ as internal standard are given in brackets. Diazo compound **1a** was added over 3 min as a 0.33-0.4 M solution in DCM.

We then studied the scope of anilines using benzenealkynyl benziodoxole **2b** and diazo **1a**, as the products were easier to purify (Scheme 3). In addition to **4aba**, *ortho-* and *para*-fluoro anilines afforded the corresponding propargylic amines **4abb** and **4abc** in 65% and 53% yield, respectively. *Meta*-bromo product **4abd** was obtained in 37% yield after purification. A more strongly electron-withdrawing *para*-CF₃ group was well tolerated leading to the formation of

4abe in 56% yield. The 1-naphthyl-substituted propargylic amine **4abf** was obtained in 35% yield. When *para*-nitro-aniline was employed, the reaction did not take place.

However, when 4-methoxyaniline (4g) was submitted to the optimized reaction conditions, the desired product **4abg** was not obtained. Instead, direct coupling between EBX 2b and aniline 4g with loss of the iodine atom was observed by mass spectrometry. At this point, we re-optimized the reaction conditions (See Supporting Information) and we found that the use of 2.5 mol% of Cu(MeCN)₄SbF₆ and conducting the reaction at room temperature allowed the formation of **4abg** in 53% isolated yield. These new reaction conditions could be applied to other electron-rich anilines, such as para-toluidine, which afforded the desired product **4abh** in 57% yield. Aniline was also a good partner for this multicomponent reaction and the corresponding propargyl amine 4abi was obtained in 50% isolated yield. The more bulky ortho-, para-methyl substituted aniline was also a good substrate leading to **4abj** in 50% yield. The use of N-alkylated anilines as nucleophiles was also possible. N-Methylaniline gave product **4abk** in 50% yield. The product derived from tetrahydroquinoline, 4abl, was obtained in 55% yield. Interestingly, no alkynylation of the benzene ring of aniline was observed, whereas this transformation was occurring in the presence of a gold catalyst as reported by our group in 2012.²⁴

Scheme 3. Scope and limitations of anilines 3^a



^aReactions were run with 0.3 mmol of **2**. Isolated yields of pure compounds. ¹⁹F-NMR yields using PhCF₃ as internal standard are given in brackets. Diazo compound **1a** was added over 3 min as a 0.33-0.4 M solution in DCM.

Preliminary results were also obtained with different fluorinated diazo compounds (Scheme 4a). 3-Diazo-1,1,1,2,2pentafluoropropane (**1b**) was well tolerated affording the desired product **4bba** in a 52% yield with 10 mol% catalyst at 50 °C. When diazo compound **1c** was used with 2.5 mol% catalyst at RT product **4cba** was obtained in 22% yield. The introduced CF_2SO_2Ph substituent is a well-established precursor of the CF_2H group.²⁵

Scheme 4. Reaction with other diazo compounds (a) and scale up (b)



Finally, we scaled up the reaction to one mmol with anilines **3a** and **3h** (Scheme 4b). Products **4aba** and **4abh** were obtained in 60% and 40% yield. Remarkably, we observed full conversion of **2b** after 90 min with half the loading of Cu(I) catalyst in both cases. The further modification of propargylic amine **4abh** was previously reported by Zhou and cowokers.^{7b}Among other transformations, the removal of the PMP group, as well as the partial and/or complete reduction of the triple bond were described.

In summary, we have developed the *gem*-aminoalkynylation of diazo compounds using anilines as nucleophiles and EBX reagents as electrophiles for the synthesis of fluorinated propargylic amines. The key features of the protocol are: (a) the reaction takes place under mild conditions using a simple copper salt as catalyst; (b) the transformation tolerates a broad range of alkynes (silyl, aryl and alkyl-substituted) and anilines (electron-poor, neutral and electronrich); (c) the obtained fluorinated propargylic building blocks are expected to be useful for synthetic and medicinal chemistry. Future works will focus on extending the scope of multi-component reactions involving diazo compounds and hypervalent iodine reagents, develop enantioselective variations and more in-depth investigations of the reaction mechanism.

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1. General Information

Reagents and solvents were purchased from different trading houses and were used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. TLCs were performed on silica gel 60 F254, using aluminium plates and visualized by exposure with UV. Flash chromatographies (FC) were carried out on handpacked columns of silica gel 60 (230 -400 mesh). Infrared (IR) analysis was performed with a JASCO FT/IR b4100 spectrophotometer equipped with an ATR PRO410-S and a ZnSe prisma and are reported as cm^{-1} (w = weak, m = medium, s = strong, br = broad). High resolution mass spectra were performed by the mass spectrometry service of ISIC at EPFL on a MICROMASS (ESI) Ultima API (Waters Instrument). The NMR spectra were recorded on a Brucker DPX-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H, 101 MHz for ¹³C and 376 MHz for ¹⁹F. The chemical shift (δ) for ¹H and ¹³C are given in ppm and referenced to residual signals of the solvents (chloroform-d - 7.26 ppm ¹H NMR and 77.16 ppm ¹³C NMR). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with ¹H-decoupling and ¹⁹FNMR as ¹⁹F-non decoupling. Coupling constants are given in Hertz. The data is being reported using the following abbreviations.: s, singlet; d, doublet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; bs, broad signal; app, apparent. Cu(MeCN)₄SbF₆ was prepared according a reported procedure.^[1]

2. Optimization studies

Reactions were performed on 0.1 scale in oven dried 6 mL microwave vials equipped with magnetic stirring bars. Unless otherwise stated, solids were weighed inside a glovebox and liquids were posteriorly added. Diazo compound **1a** (0.33 - 0.4 M in DCM was added dropwise via syringe pump addition over 30 min). Reactions were run during 1 h under the indicated conditions and then, monitored by TLC. Reaction mixtures were subsequently filtered through a short pad of celite and washed with EtOAc (15 mL). Finally, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Reaction yields were estimated by ¹⁹F NMR using PhCF₃ (1 equiv) as internal standard (IS).

F ₃ C +	HCF3	+ NH ₂ Cu(MeC (mc DCE , 1 CO ₂ Me	CN) ₄ PF ₆ bl%) , , 1 h, N ₂ MeO ₂ C	CF ₃
2a [Concentration]	1a (2 equiv.)	3a (4 equiv.)		4aaa
Entry	% mol of	T/ °C	[1a]/M	Yield/% ^a
	catalyst			
1	5	50	0.07	15
2	10	rt	0.07	49
3	10	50	0.07	49
4	20	rt	0.07	52
5	10	50	0.03	13
6	10	50	0.14	73
7	10	rt	0.14	65
8	20	rt	0.14	58
8	10	50	0.2	72

Table S1. Screening of % mol catalyst, temperature, and concentration of the reaction.

^a Determined by ¹⁹FNMR using 1 equiv of PhCF₃



Table S2. Screening of Copper catalyst

^a Determined by ¹⁹FNMR using 1 equiv of PhCF₃

Table S3. Screening of solvents



^aDetermined by ¹⁹FNMR using 1 equiv of PhCF₃

Table S4. Screening of equivalents of 1a



^c1.5 equiv. **1a**; ^d3 equiv. **1a**; e

Table S7. Screening of ligands:



Table S8. Re-optimization of the reaction conditions for the synthesis of compound 4abg

F ₃ C F ₃ C	Ph N_2 + H CF ₃ +		leCN)₄SbF ₆ (mol%) , T , 1 h, N ₂ MeO	CF ₃
2b [0.14 M]	Addition 1a (2 equiv.)	OMe 3a (4 equiv.)		4abg
Entry	Addition rate of	% mol Cu	T/°C	Yield/% ^a
	1 a			
1	30	10	50	-
2	30	5	RT	43
3	30	2.5	RT	47
4	Manually	2.5	RT	58

^aDetermined by ¹⁹FNMR using 1 equiv of PhCF₃

3. Synthesis of Starting Materials

Compounds **1a**, **1b**, **2a**, **2b**, **2e-2g**, were previously reported by our group. For this reason and to facilitate a better reproducibility, these procedures has been taken directly from the cited publication.²

3.1. Synthesis of diazo compounds (1a-1c)

2,2,2-Trifluorodiazoethane (1a):^[2]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_2 N & CF_3 & \underbrace{NaNO_{2}, H_2 O}_{CH_2 CI_2} & H_2 \\ HCI & CH_2 CI_2 & H_2 CF_3 \end{array}$$

Following a reported procedure, under argon, 2,2,2-trifluoroethanamine hydrochloride (5) (0.678 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and sodium nitrite (0.379 g, 5.50 mmol, 1.10 equiv) were dissolved in degassed CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). Degassed water (1.00 mL, 55.5 mmol, 11.1 equiv) was added slowly at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C and 1 h at room temperature. The aqueous layer was frozen in the freezer overnight (-18 °C) and the organic layer was dried over a plug of potassium carbonate, transferred into a vial, sealed and stored at -18 °C. The concentration of the obtained solution was determined to be 0.37 M by ¹⁹F NMR analysis (according to an internal reference, PhCF₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CH₂Cl₂) δ -55.6. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[2]

<u>3-Diazo-1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoropropane</u> (1b):^[2]

$$\begin{array}{c} H_2 N \frown C_2 F_5 \\ HCI \\ 6 \end{array} \xrightarrow{NaNO_2, H_2 O} H^2 C_2 F_5 \\ H^2 C_2 F_5 \\ H^2 C_2 F_5 \end{array}$$

Under argon, 2,2,2-trifluoroethanamine hydrochloride (6) (0.928 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and sodium nitrite (0.379 g, 5.50 mmol, 1.10 equiv) were dissolved in degassed CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). Degassed water (1.00 mL, 55.5 mmol, 11.1 equiv) was added slowly at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C and 1 h at room temperature. The organic layer was isolated, dried over MgSO₄, transferred into a vial, sealed and stored at -18 °C. The concentration of the obtained solution was determined to be 0.36 M by ¹⁹F NMR analysis (according to an internal reference, PhCF₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CH₂Cl₂) δ -

88.96 - -89.01 (m), -110.98 - -111.03 (m). The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[2]





- Synthesis of ethyl 2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)acetate (9):^[8]

In an oven-dried one-necked round bottom flask, a solution of tiophenol (7)(5.50 mL, 50.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in DMSO (50 mL) was prepared. Then, the suspension was heated at 40 °C and stirred during 1 h under N₂ atmosphere. Then, ethyl bromodifluoroacetate (8) (7.10 mL, 55.0 mmol, 1.10 equiv) was added to the suspension and was stirred at the same conditions during 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature quenched with aqueous HCl (25 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (4 x 50 mL). Organic layers were combined and washed successively with H₂O (3 x 50 mL), brine (1 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure affording a yellow crude liquid. Compound 9 was obtained as a pale-yellow liquid after purification by flash column chromatography (6.5 g, 28.1 mmol, 75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.59 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.43 - 7.35 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, -CH₂CH₃), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃). The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[8]

- 2,2-Difluoro-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (10):^[9]

To a solution of compound **9** (5.00 g, 25.1 mmol, 1.00) in EtOH (50 mL) was added NaBH₄ (1.70 g, 43.0 mmol, 1.72 equiv.). The resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature during 3 h and carefully quenched with H₂O (20 mL). Then, the reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 30 mL). The organic layers were recombined, washed with brine (1 x 10 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Finally, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure affording compound **10** as a pale-yellow liquid (2.9 g, 15 mmol, 70%). Compound **10** was used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (**400** MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.59 (m, 2H, Ar*H*). 7.49 - 7.35 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 3.87 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz,

2H, -CF₂CH₂OH), 2.21 (br s,1H, -OH). The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[8]

- 2,2-Difluoro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethan-1-ol (11):^[7]

To a solution of **10** (1.30 g, 7.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in a 1:1 mixture of AcOH/H₂O (12 mL) was added dropwise aq. 30% H₂O₂ (1.70 mL, 15.6 mmol, 2.20 equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated at 120 °C and stirred under N₂ atmosphere during 4 h. Then, the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature, quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The organic extracts were recombined, washed with brine (1 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, affording compound **11** as a yellow solid (840 mg, 3.78 mmol, 53%). Compound **11** was used in the next step without further purification. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.95 - 7.93 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.75 - 7.71 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.61 - 7.53 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 4.24 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H, -CF₂CH₂-), 3.28 (br s, 1H, -OH). The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[7]

- 2,2-Difluoro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethan-1-aminium chloride (12):^[7]

Pyridine (435 µL, 5.32 mmol, 1.40 equiv) was added to a solution of compound **11** (840 mg, 3.80 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in MeCN (6.3 mL) and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. Subsequently, Tf₂O (1.00 mL, 3.90 mmol, 1.03 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C during 30 min under N₂ atmosphere. Then, the solution was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred 2 hours and NH₃ (25%) (2.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred during 48 h at room temperature and then, quenched with H₂O (15 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were recombined, washed with brine (1 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure affording a pale-yellow residue which was dissolved in DCM (3 mL). Then, a solution of HCl (2 N) in Et₂O (2.1 mL, 1 equiv.) was added and the resulting solution was stirred during 10 min. The formed red solid was filtered-off and washed with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL) affording compound **12** as a red solid (309 mg, 3.90 mmol, 32%). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)** δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.98 - 7.93 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.84 - 7.76 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.02 (t, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 2H, -CF₂CH₂NH₃-). The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[7]

- ((2-Diazo-1,1-difluoroethyl)sulfonyl)benzene (1c):^[7]

To a solution of **12** (174 mg, 0.750 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in a mixture of PhMe (1.3 mL) and H₂O (130 μ L) was added NaNO₂ (62 mg, 0.90 mmol, 1.20 equiv.). The resulting yellow solution was stirred at room temperature under N₂ atmosphere during 1 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2x 5 mL) and the organic layer was washed with brine (1 x 2 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure affording a yellow residue. Compound **1c** was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (100 pentane to 80:20 pentane/EtOAc) (150 mg, 0.640 mmol, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 - 7.92 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.73 - 7.68 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.60 - 7.54 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H-C*H*N₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.5, 132.5, 130.7, 129.5, 122.1 (t, *J* = 287.8 Hz), 37.8 (t, *J* = 39.2 Hz). The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[7]

3.1. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine Reagents

3..1.1. Synthesis of Precursors 13 and 14

<u>1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-(2-iodophenyl)propan-2-ol</u> (13):^[2]



TMEDA (1.27 mL, 8.40 mmol, 0.20 equiv) was added to a solution of *n*-BuLi (37.0 mL, 92.0 mmol, 2.20 equiv, 2.5 M in hexanes). After 15 min, the cloudy solution was cooled to 0 °C and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-ol (**13**) (7.07 mL, 42.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (6.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred 30 min at 0 °C and then 18 h at room temperature. Then, THF (30.0 mL) was added, followed by the portionwise addition of I₂ (11.3 g, 44.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and 4 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH4Cl (50 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane 3:97 as eluent to afford 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-(2-iodophenyl)propan-2-ol (**14**) as a colorless oil (13.9 g, 37.5 mmol, 89%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ 8.13 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.43 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.11 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 4.23

(s, 1H, O*H*); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.7, 131.4, 130.0, 129.7, 128.0, 122.6 (q, J = 291.4 Hz), 90.6, 78.9 (q, J = 32.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.4. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[2]

<u>3,3-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1 λ^3 -benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3H)-yl acetate (15):^[2]</u>



A 500 mL flsak was charged with glacial acetic acid (188 mL), 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-(2-iodophenyl)propan-2-ol (14) (13.9 g, 37.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate (89.0 g, 0.375 mmol, 0.01 equiv). The reaction vessel was purged with O₂ for 5 min before acetaldehyde (21.4 mL, 379 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred under 1 atm of O₂, delivered by inflated balloon, at room temperature for 12 h. Acetaldehyde (21.4 mL, 379 mmol, 10.00 equiv) was added and the reaction continue for 6 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in DCM. The organic layer was washed with distilled water (50 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The obtained residue was triturated in pentane for 0.5 h, filtered and washed with pentane (operation repeated 2 times) to afford 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- $1\lambda^3$ -benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3H)-yl acetate (15) as a white solid (9.91 g, 23.2 mmol, 62%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.93 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.85 - 7.69 (m, 3H, ArH), 2.19 (s, 3H, (O)CCH₃); ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆)** δ 174.4, 134.2, 131.4, 131.0, 130.8, 129.5 – 129.0 (m), 123.1 (q, J = 289.5 Hz), 116.1, 84.5 – 83.7 (m), 20.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -75.1. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^{[2]Error!} Bookmark not defined.

3.1.2. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine Reagents (EBX') (2a-2h):^[2]



To a solution of 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- $1\lambda^3$ -benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3H)-yl acetate (15) (1.00 equiv) in dry DCM (c = 0.2 M) was added trimethylsilyl

trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.10 equiv) dropwise at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. After this time, the corresponding trimethylethynylsilane (**16a-16h**) (1.10 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with dichloromethane (3 times). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane as eluent to give the corresponding EBX' reagent (**2a-2h**).

 $\frac{((3,3-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1\lambda^3-benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3H)}{yl)ethynyl)triisopropylsilane (2a):^{[2]}}$



Following the general procedure, starting from triisopropyl((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)silane (16a) (2.80 g, 11.0 mmol) and 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- $1\lambda^3$ -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl acetate (15) (4.28 g, 10.0 mmol), afforded ((3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl))- $1\lambda^3$ -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl)ethynyl)triisopropylsilane (2a) as a white solid (5.33 g, 9.68 mmol, 97%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.88 – 7.81 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.74 – 7.62 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 1.23 – 1.07 (m, 21H, TIPS); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.9, 131.3, 130.1, 130.2 – 130.0 (m), 128.3, 123.7 (q, *J* = 290.4 Hz), 112.3, 111.0, 81.6 (p, *J* = 29.5 Hz), 69.9, 18.7, 11.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.2. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[2]

<u>1-(Phenylethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-1λ³-benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole</u> (**2b**):^[2]



Following the general procedure, starting from trimethyl(phenylethynyl)silane (**16b**) (192 mg, 1.10 mmol) and 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- $1\lambda^3$ -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl acetate

(15) (428 mg, 1.00 mmol), afforded 1-(phenylethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3dihydro-1 λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (2b) as a white solid (395 mg, 0.840 mmol, 84%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 – 8.24 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.86 (ddt, *J* = 7.4, 3.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 3H, Ar*H*); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.1, 132.8, 131.4, 130.3, 130.1, 130.0, 128.8, 128.5, 123.7 (q, *J* = 289.8 Hz), 121.4, 111.6, 105.4, 82.5 – 81.1 (m), 54.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.2. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[2]

 $\frac{1-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-\lambda^{3}}{benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole (2c):^{[3]}}$



Following the general procedure, starting from ((4methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (16c)^[4] (225 mg, 1.10 mmol) and 3,3bis(trifluoromethyl)- $1\lambda^3$ -benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3H)-yl acetate (15) (428 mg, 1.00 mmol), afforded 1-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro- λ^3 benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole (2c) as a yellow amorphous solid (260 mg, 0.520 mmol, 52%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 - 8.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.88 - 7.79 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.72 - 7.64 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.55 - 7.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.95 - 6.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.85 (s, 1H, -OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 134.6, 133.0, 131.3, 130.2, 130.0 (br s), 128.4, 123.8 (q, J = 290.3 Hz), 114.4, 113.3, 111.7, 106.0, 81.8 (q, J = 81.8 Hz), 55.6, 52.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.2. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[3]

<u>1-((4-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro- λ^3 -</u> benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole (2d):^[5]



Following the general procedure, starting from ((4-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (**16d**)^[4] (241. mg, 1.10 mmol) and and 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- $1\lambda^3$ -

benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl acetate (**15**) (428 mg, 1.00 mmol), afforded 1-((4nitrophenyl)ethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-113-benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole (**2d**) as a yellow amorphous solid (232 mg, 0.450 mmol, 45%). ¹**H** NMR (**400 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ 8.30 - 8.25 (m, 2H Ar*H*), 8.24 - 8.21 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.90 - 7.84 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.78 - 7.68 (m, 4H, Ar*H*); ¹³**C** NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 148.2, 133.5, 133.3, 131.7, 130.2 (br s), 130.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 124.0, 123.6 (q, *J* = 289.8 Hz) 111.4, 102.3, 81.8 (m), 61.3; ¹⁹**F** NMR (**376 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -76.1. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data^[5]

 $\frac{4 - ((3, 3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-\lambda^3-benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3H)-yl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde}{(2e)}$



Following the general procedure, starting from 4-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (16e) (223 mg, 1.100 mmol) and 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- $1\lambda^3$ -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl acetate (15) (428 mg, 1.00 mmol), afforded 4-((3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (2e) (383 mg, 0.769 mmol, 77%) as a light yellow solid after 18 h of reaction. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.06 (s, 1H, -CHO), 8.29 - 8.21 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.97 - 7.89 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.87 (dtd, *J* = 7.0, 2.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.78 - 7.66 (m, 4H, Ar*H*); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.2, 136.8, 133.3, 133.2, 131.6, 130.5 - 130.1 (m), 130.1, 129.8, 128.5, 127.4, 123.6 (q, *J* = 290.4 Hz), 111.4, 103.6, 82.8 - 80.7 (m), 59.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.1. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[6]

<u>1-(Thiophen-2-ylethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-1 λ^3 -</u> benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole (**2f**):^[2]



Following general procedure, starting from trimethyl(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)silane (**16f**) (182 μ L, 1.10 mmol) and 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1 λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl acetate (**15**) (428 mg, 1.00 mmol), afforded 1-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)-3,3-

bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-1 λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2f**) as an off-white solid (403 mg, 0.850 mmol, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 – 8.19 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.89 – 7.80 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.76 – 7.66 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.07 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.2, 133.2, 131.4, 130.2, 123.0, 129.9, 128.5, 127.5, 123.7 (q, *J* = 291.2 Hz), 121.3, 111.8, 98.4, 81.8 (p, *J* = 29.7 Hz), 59.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.2. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data^[2]

 $\frac{1-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-1\lambda^{3}-benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole}{2g}$



Following the general procedure A, starting from (3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane (**16g**) (229 μ L, 1.10 mmol) and 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1 λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl acetate (**15**) (428 mg, 1.00 mmol), afforded 1-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-1 λ^3 -

benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2g**) as a white solid (350 mg, 0.780 mmol, 78%). ¹**H** NMR (**400** MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.14 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.89 – 7.78 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.74 – 7.64 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 1.34 (s, 9H, *tBu*); ¹³C NMR (**101** MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.7, 131.1, 130.3, 130.0, 128.0, 123.9 (q, *J* = 290.3 Hz), 116.1, 111.2, 81.9 (p, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 42.0, 30.8, 29.5; ¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.2. The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[2]

<u>1-(pent-1-yn-1-yl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro- λ^3 -benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole (2h):</u>



Following the general procedure, starting from (3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane (**16h**) (236 μ L, 1.10 mmol) and 3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1 λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl acetate (**15**) (500 mg, 1.17 mmol), afforded 1-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-1 λ^3 -

benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2h**) as an off-white solid (340 mg, 0.780 mmol, 67% yield).¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.28 – 8.17 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), (tdd, *J* = 4.3, 2.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.73 – 7.62 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, -CC*H*₂CH₂-), 1.66 (h, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂C*H*₂CH₃), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, -CH₂C*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 132.9, 131.2, 130.2, 129.9 (m), 128.3, 123.7 (q, *J* = 290.7 Hz), 111.0, 108.1, 81.60 (m), 43.4, 22.4, 22.0, 13.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.2; **IR** (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 2966 (w), 2877 (w), 2252 (w), 2156 (w), 1458 (w), 1265 (m), 1188 (m), 1157 (m), 957 (m), 906 (s), 733 (s), 652 (w); **HRMS (ESI/QTOF)** *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ *Calcd* for C₁₄H₁₂F₆IO⁺ 436.9832; Found 436.9832.

4. General procedures for the preparation of compounds 4

3.1. General Procedure A (compounds 4aaa to 4aha):



Cu(MeCN)₄SbF₆ (14.1 mg, 0.0300 mmol, 10 mol%) was added in an oven-dried MW vial followed by compound **2** (0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv.). Then, the vial was capped, evacuated, and backfilled with N₂ (3 times). At this point, a solution of methyl 4-aminobenzoate (181 mg, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) in DCE (2.1 mL) was charged into the MW vial and the resulting solution was heated at 50 °C and equipped with a N₂ balloon. Once the temperature was reached, a solution of **1a** in DCM (0.33-0.36 M, 2.00 equiv.) was added dropwise over 3 min and the reaction mixture was stirred during 1 h under these conditions.

After this time, the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and monitored by TLC observing full conversion in most of the cases. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and washed with EtOAc (5 x 10 mL) and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure affording the corresponding product after flash column chromatography (For more details see the product characterization in 5).

4.1. <u>General Procedure B</u> (compounds 4aba to 4abf and 4bba):



As described in General Procedure A, but using compound **2b** (141 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv), diazo compound **1a** (0.33-0.36 M, 2.00 equiv) and anilines (**3a** to **3f**) (4.00 equiv.); or diazo compound **1b** (0.4 M, 2.00 equiv) and aniline **3a** (180 mg, 1.20 mmol) for compound **4bba**

4.2. *General Procedure C* (compounds **4abg** to **4abl** and **4cba**):



As described in General Procedure A, but using Cu(MeCN₄)SbF₆ (3.5 mg, $7.5 \mu \text{mol}$, 2.5 mol%), **2b** (141 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv), diazo compound **1a** (0.33-0.36 M, 2.00 equiv) and anilines **3g** to **3l** at room temperature.; or diazo **1c** (0.33 M in DCM, 106 mg, 0.460 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) and aniline **3a** (138 mg, 0.920, mmol, 4.00 equiv.) for compound **3cba**

5. Characterization of compounds 4

Methyl 4-((1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(triisopropylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)amino)benzoate (4aaa):



Compound **4aaa** was prepared from ((3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-1(3*H*)-yl)ethynyl)triisopropylsilane (**1a**) (165 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv) following the GPC. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 94:6 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a pale-yellow solid after trituration with pentane (62.1 mg, 0.150 mmol, 50%) [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 70%].

TLC *R^f* 0.14 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** *δ* 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.82 (dt, *J* = 11.9, 5.8 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 4.42 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, -OC*H*₃), 1.05 (s, 21H, TIPS).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 148.9, 131.6, 123.6 (q, J = 282.4 Hz), 121.5, 113.2, 97.4, 89.7, 51.9, 49.7 (q, J = 34.7 Hz), 18.5, 11.1.

IR (v_{max} , cm^{-1}) 3352 (w), 2947 (m), 2870 (m), 1705 (s), 1608 (s), 1527 (m), 1442 (m), 1281 (s), 1184 (s), 1134 (s), 1018 (w), 883 (w), 771 (m), 845 (w).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₁F₃NO₂Si⁺ 414.2071; Found 414.2068.

Methyl 4-((1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)amino)benzoate (**4aba**):



Compound **4aba** was prepared from 1-(phenylethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3dihydro- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2b**) (141 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) following the GPA. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 90:10 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a pale-yellow amorphous solid (73.0 mg, 0.22 mmol, 73%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 80%].

<u>1 mmol experiment</u>: **2b** (470 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and Cu(MeCN)₄SbF₆ (23.5 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 5 mol%) were added in an oven-dried MW tube. Then, the vial was capped, evacuated, and backfilled with N₂ (3 times). At this point, a solution of methyl 4-aminobenzoate (605 mg, 4.00 mmol, 4.00 equiv) in DCE (7.1 mL) was charged into the MW vial and the resulting solution was heated at 50 °C and equipped with a N₂ balloon. Once the temperature was reached, a solution of **1a** in DCM (0.34 M, 5.90 mL, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) was added dropwise over 3 min and the reaction mixture was stirred during 90 min under these conditions.

After this time, the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and monitored by TLC observing full conversion in most of the cases. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and washed with EtOAc (5 x 10 mL) and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure affording the corresponding product after flash column chromatography (100% Pentane to 90:10 Pentane/EtOAc) (200 mg, 0.600 mmol, 60%).

TLC *R^f* 0.13 (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.47 - 7.42 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.40 - 7.29 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.03 (dq, *J* = 9.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H, - NHCHCF₃), 4.58 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, -COOCH₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 148.9, 132.1, 131.7, 129.5, 128.5, 123.6 (q, J = 282.4 Hz), 121.4, 121.1, 113.1, 86.7, 79.7 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 51.9, 49.7 (q, J = 35.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.6 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3352 (w), 2947 (m), 2870 (m), 1705 (s), 1608 (s), 1527 (m), 1442 (m), 1281 (s), 1184 (s), 1134 (s), 1018 (w), 883 (w), 771 (m), 845 (w).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅F₃NO₂⁺ 334.1049; Found 334.1053.

Methyl 4-((1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)amino)benzoate (4aca):



Compound **4aca** was prepared from 1-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-3,3bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2c**) (150 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv) following the GPA. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 85:15 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a pale-yellow solid after re-purification by PTLC (80:20 Pentane/EtOAc) (46.8 mg, 0.129 mmol, 43%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 70%].

TLC *R^f* 0.09 (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.38 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.75 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.06 – 4.96 (m, 1H,

-NHC*H*CF₃), 4.45 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, -N*H*CHCF₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, COOC*H*₃), 3.81 (s, 3H, -OC*H*₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 160.5, 148.9, 133.7, 131.7, 123.7 (q, J = 283.0 Hz), 119.5, 114.2, 113.1, 112.2, 86.8, 78.3, 55.5, 51.9, 49.8 (q, J = 34.8 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (v_{max} , cm^{-1}) 3359 (w), 2947 (w), 2245 (w), 1705 (w), 1608 (m), 1516 (w), 1439 (w), 1281 (m), 1257 (m), 1180 (m), 1130 (m), 1030 (w), 906 (s), 833 (w), 729 (s), 648 (w). **HRMS (ESI/QTOF)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇F₃NO₃⁺ 364.1155; Found 364.1153

Methyl 4-((2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl)amino)benzoate (4ada):



Compound **4ada** was prepared from 1-((4-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2d**) (155 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv) following the GPA. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 75:25 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow amorphous solid after re-purification by PTLC (75:25 Pentane/EtOAc) (34.0 mg, 0.0900 mmol, 30%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 50%].

TLC *R^f* 0.08 (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.60 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.77 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.07 (dq, J = 9.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 4.50 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, -COOCH₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 148.5, 148.0, 133.1, 131.8, 127.8, 123.8, 123.4 (q, J = 281.3 Hz), 122.0, 119.2, 113.2, 84.64-84.58 (m), 52.0, 49.7 (q, J = 35.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.3 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (*v_{max}*, *cm*⁻¹) 3340 (w), 2951 (w), 1701 (s), 1604 (s), 1523 (s), 1439 (m), 1342 (s), 1281 (s), 1180 (s), 1130 (s), 910 (w), 849 (m), 737 (m), 764 (m), 698 (m)

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄F₃N₂O₄⁺ 379.0900; Found 379.0900.

Methyl 4-((1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)amino)benzoate (**4afa**):



Compound **4afa** was prepared from 1-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2f**) (143 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv) following the GPA. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 90:10 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a pale-yellow solid after trituration with pentane (45.8 mg, 0.135 mmol, 45%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 67%].

TLC *Rf* 0.11 (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.31 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H, -SC*H*=CH-), 7.27 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H, -SCH=C*H*-), 6.98 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H, -SCH=CHC*H*-), 6.75 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.05 (dq, J = 9.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 4.54 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, -COOCH₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 148.8, 133.8, 131.7, 128.6, 126.1 (q, J = 281.5 Hz), 127.2, 121.6, 120.8, 113.1, 83.5 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 80.2, 51.9, 49.0 (q, J = 35.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.4 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3344 (w), 3105 (w), 3024 (w), 2951 (w), 2233 (w), 1701 (s), 1608 (s), 1527 (m), 1435 (m), 1281 (s), 1184 (s), 1130 (s), 964 (w), 845 (m), 768 (m), 706 (m).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₃NO₂S⁺ 340.0614; Found 340.0611.

Methyl 4-((1,1,1-trifluoro-5,5-dimethylhex-3-yn-2-yl)amino)benzoate (4aga):



Compound **4aga** was prepared from 1-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-3,3bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2g**) (135 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv) following the GPA. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 96:4 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a pale-yellow solid after trituration with pentane (37.6 mg, 0.120 mmol, 40%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 70%].

TLC *Rf* 0.11 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** *δ* 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.76 (dq, *J* = 8.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H, -NHC*H*CF₃), 4.34 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H, -N*H*-), 3.87 (s, 3H, -COOC*H*₃), 1.21 (s, 9H, -C(C*H*₃)₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 149.1, 131.6, 123.8 (q, J = 282.4 Hz), 121.2, 113.0, 96.0, 69.6 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 51.9, 49.1 (q, J = 34.8 Hz), 30.6, 27.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.2 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3352 (w), 2970 (w), 2249 (w), 1705 (s), 1608 (s), 1531 (m), 1439 (m), 1277 (s), 1180 (s), 1130 (s), 845 (w), 768 (m).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ *Calcd* for C₁₆H₁₉F₃NO₂⁺ 314.1362; Found 314.1366.

Methyl 4-((1,1,1-trifluorohept-3-yn-2-yl)amino)benzoate (4aha)



Compound **4aha** was prepared from 1-(pent-1-yn-1-yl)-3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3dihydro- λ^3 -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (**2h**) (80.0 mg, 0.180 mmol, 1.00 equiv) following the GPA. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 90:10 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a pale-yellow solid after trituration with pentane (25.0 mg, 0.0800 mmol, 46%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 55%].

TLC *R^f* 0.22 (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.83 – 4.70 (m, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 4.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, -NH-), 3.87 (s, 3H, - COOC*H*₃), 2.19 (td, J = 7.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H, -CC*H*₂CH₂-), 1.53 (h, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂C*H*₂CH₃), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, -C*H*₂C*H*₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 149.1, 131.6, 127.8 (q, J = 282.4 Hz), 121.3, 113.0, 88.0, 71.3 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 51.9, 49.2 (q, J = 34.8 Hz), 21.7, 20.6, 13.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.1 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3352 (w), 2962 (w), 1705 (s), 1608 (s), 1527 (m), 1439 (m), 1281 (s), 1180 (s), 1126 (s), 968 (w), 845 (w), 768 (m), 702 (w).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₃NO₂⁺ 300.1206; Found 300.1198.

4-Fluoro-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abb**):



Compound **4abb** was prepared from 4-fluoroaniline (**3b**) (115 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPB. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 97:3 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc) (57.2 mg, 0.195 mmol, 65%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 85%].

TLC *Rf* 0.2 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.48 - 7.92 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.38 - 7.30 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 7.02 - 6.94 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.81 - 6.71 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.82 (dq, *J* = 9.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 3.93 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H, -NH-).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6 (d, J = 238.4 Hz), 141.4 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 141.4, 141.3, 132.1, 123.8 (q, J = 281.9 Hz), 121.4, 116.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 22.7 Hz), 86.6, 80.5 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 51.7 (q, J = 34.3 Hz).

¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** *δ* -75.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), -124.2 (dq, J = 8.2, 4.1 Hz) ppm. **IR** (*v_{max}, cm*⁻¹) 3421 (w), 3059 (w), 2927 (w), 2237 (w), 1512 (s), 1346 (m), 1257 (s), 1223 (s), 1184 (s), 1134 (s), 991 (w), 825 (m), 760 (m).

The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data^[10]

2-Fluoro-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abc**)



Compound **4abc** was prepared from 2-fluoroaniline (**3c**) (116 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPB. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 99:1 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc) (46.6 mg, 0.159 mmol, 53%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 75%].

TLC *R^f* 0.44 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.50 - 7.44 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.40 - 7.29 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 7.11 - 7.02 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.92 - 6.87 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.85 - 6.80 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 4.93 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 4.37 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H, -NH-).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3 (d, J = 240 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), 132.2, 129.4, 128.5, 124.8 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 123.8 (q, J = 280 Hz), 121.3, 120.1 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 18.7 Hz), 114.2, 86.6, 80.1 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 50.4 (q, J = 34.8 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), -134.5 (tq, J = 8.9, 4.1 Hz) IR (v_{max} , cm^{-1}) 3437 (w), 3062 (w), 2237 (w), 1620 (w), 1516 (m), 1454 (w), 1338 (m), 1257 (s), 1184 (s), 1134 (s), 752 (s), 849 (w), 1034 (w), 991 (w). HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ *Calcd* for C₁₆H₁₂F₄N⁺294.0900; Found 294.0905.

3-Bromo-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abd**)



Compound **4abd** was prepared from 3-bromoaniline (**3d**) (133 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPB. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 90:10 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc) (39.3 mg, 0.111 mmol, 37%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 70%].

TLC *R^f* 0.24 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.39 - 7.30 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 7.14 - 7.08 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.01 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.97 - 6.94 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 4.89 (dq, *J* = 9.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 4.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 132.1, 130.9, 129.5, 128.6, 127.7 (q, *J* = 282.3 Hz), 123.4, 123.2, 121.2, 117.4, 113.1, 86.7, 80.0 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 50.4 (q, *J* = 34.8 Hz) ppm.

¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -75.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz)

IR (v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3417 (w), 3066 (w), 3024 (w), 2927 (w), 2237 (w), 1597 (m), 1500 (m), 1334 (w), 1257 (m), 1184 (m), 1134 (s), 1080 (w), 991 (w), 903 (w), 849 (w), 760 (s).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂Br⁷⁹F₃N⁺ 354.0100; Found 354.0091.

N-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**4abe**):



Compound **4abe** was prepared from 4-trifluoromethylaniline (**3e**) (152 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPB. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 90:10 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a white amorphous solid after trituration with pentane (57.7 mg, 0.168 mmol, 56%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 80%].

TLC *R^f* 0.22 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.48 – 7-44 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.99 (dq, J = 9.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H, - NHCHCF₃), 4.38 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 132.2, 129.6, 128.6, 127.0 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 126.0, 124.7 (q, *J* = 271.1 Hz), 123.7 (q, *J* = 282.3 Hz). 122.0 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 121.1, 113.6, 86.8, 79.7 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 49.9 (q, *J* = 35.2 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.5 (s), -75.6 (d, J = 5.5 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3429 (w), 3066 (w), 2237 (w), 2114 (w), 1620 (m), 1531 (m), 1496 (w), 1327 (s), 1257 (m), 1184 (s), 1122 (s), 1068 (m), 1007 (w), 829 (m), 760 (m).

The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[11]

N-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-1-amine (4abf)



Compound **4abf** was prepared from 1-naphtylamine (**3f**) (174 mg, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPB. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane) and obtained as a pale-yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC 96:4 (Pentane/EtOAc) (34.2 mg, 0.105 mmol, 35%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 58%].

TLC *R^f* 0.20 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.99 - 7.83 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.56 - 7.50 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.49 - 7.39 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 7.38 - 7.29 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 5.11 (dq, *J* = 9.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H, -NHC*H*CF₃), 4.59 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H, -N*H*-).

¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 140.4, 134.5, 132.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 124.9, 123.5 (q, *J* = 283.2 Hz), 121.5, 121.2, 120.4, 108.8, 86.4, 80.8 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 51.0 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.3 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (v_{max} , cm^{-1}) 3444 (w), 3383 (w), 3062 (w), 2924 (w), 2854 (w), 2233 (w), 1585 (m), 1527 (m), 1485 (m), 1408 (m), 1346 (m), 1257 (s), 1188 (s), 1134 (s), 764 (s), 694 (m); The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data^[10]

4-Methoxy-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abg**)



Compound **4abg** was prepared from 4-methoxyaniline (**3g**) (149 mg, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPC. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 95:5 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC 95:5 (Pentane/EtOAc) (48.5 mg, 0.159 mmol, 53%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 58%].

<u>1 mmol experiment</u>: **2b** (470 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and Cu(MeCN)₄SbF₆ (5.86 mg, 12.5 μ mol, 1.25 mol%) were added in an oven-dried MW tube. Then, the vial was capped, evacuated, and backfilled with N₂ (3 times). At this point, a solution of *p*-anisidine (462 mg, 4.00 mmol, 4.00 equiv) in DCE (7.1 mL) was charged into the MW vial and the resulting solution was stirred at RT and equipped with a N₂ balloon. Finally, a solution of **1a** in DCM (0.34 M, 5.90 mL, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) was added dropwise over 3 min and the reaction mixture was stirred during 90 min under these conditions.

After this time, the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and monitored by TLC observing full conversion in most of the cases. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and washed with EtOAc (5 x 10 mL) and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure affording the corresponding product after flash column chromatography (100% Pentane to 95:5 Pentane/EtOAc) (122 mg, 0.400 mmol, 40%).

TLC *R^f* 0.12 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.49 - 7.40 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.38 - 7.29 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.88 - 6.78 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 4.77 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, -N*H*-), 3.78 (s, 4H, -OC*H*₃ + -NHC*H*CF₃). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 154.3, 139.0, 132.1, 129.3, 128.5, 123.9 (q, *J* = 281.7 Hz), 121.6, 117.0, 115.0, 86.4, 81.0 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 55.8, 52.3 (q, *J* = 33.7 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (v_{max} , cm^{-1}) 3356 (w), 3043 (w), 3005 (w), 2935 (w), 2843 (w), 2233 (w), 1516 (s), 1458 (w), 1346 (m), 1180 (s), 1242 (s), 1130 (s), 1034 (m), 825 (m), 760 (m). The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[10]

4-Methyl-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abh**)



Compound **4abh** was prepared from 4-methylaniline (**3h**) (130 mg, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPC. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 95:5 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC 95:5 (Pentane/EtOAc) (49.5 mg, 0.171 mmol, 57%).

TLC *R*_f 0.23 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.48 - 7.42 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.87 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H, - NHCHCF₃), 3.91 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H, -NH-), 2.29 (s, 3H, -CH₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.8, 132.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.3, 128.5, 123.9 (q, *J* = 281.7 Hz), 121.6, 115.0, 86.2, 80.9 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 51.2 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 20.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3410 (w), 3032 (w), 2927 (w), 2866 (w), 2233 (w), 1616 (w), 1520 (s), 1342 (m), 1257 (s), 1184 (s), 1134 (s), 991 (w), 810 (m), 760 (m).

The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[10]

N-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abi**):



Compound **4abi** was prepared from aniline (**3i**) (111 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPC. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 99:1 Pentane/EtOAc) and

obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC 95:5 (Pentane/EtOAc) (41.3 mg, 0.500 mmol, 50%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 75%].

TLC *Rf* 0.23 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.19 - 7.08 (m, 5H, Ar*H*), 6.74 - 6.70 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.74 (dt, *J* = 12.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃), 3.87 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.1, 132.1, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4 (q, *J* = 285.5 Hz), 121.5, 120.3, 114.6, 86.3, 80.6 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 50.7 (q, *J* = 34.5 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3406 (w), 3032 (w), 2927 (w), 2862 (w), 2233 (w), 1624 (w), 1520 (m), 1346 (m), 1254 (s), 1184 (s), 1134 (s), 810 (m), 760 (m).

The values of the NMR spectra are in accordance with reported literature data.^[10]

2,4,6-Trimethyl-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abj**):



Compound **4abj** was prepared from 2,4,6-trimethylaniline (**3j**) (172 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPC. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 99.5/0.5 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC 96:4 (Pentane/EtOAc) (47.6 mg, 0.150 mmol, 50%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 65%].

TLC Rf 0.32 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.89 (br s, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.49 (dq, *J* = 12.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H, -NHC*H*CF₃), 3.60 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H, -N*H*CHCF₃), 2.39 (s, 6H, -C*H*₃), 2.27 (s, 3H, -C*H*₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 133.4, 131.9, 131.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.5, 124.0 (q, J = 281.7 Hz), 121.8, 86.2, 82.3 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 53.4 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 20.8, 18.3 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.53 (d, J = 6.1 Hz).

IR (v_{max} , cm^{-1}) 3363 (w), 3012 (w), 2931 (w), 2862 (w), 2229 (w), 1485 (m), 1450 (m), 1346 (m), 1254 (s), 1184 (s), 1134 (s), 1092 (m), 1030 (w), 995 (w), 856 (w), 760 (s); **HRMS (ESI/QTOF)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ *Calcd* for C₁₉H₁₉F₃N⁺318.1464; Found 318.1469.

N-Methyl-N-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)aniline (**4abk**):



Compound **4abk** was prepared from N-methylaniline (**3k**) (133 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPC. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 99:1 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC 97:3 (Pentane/EtOAc) (43.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 70%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 70%].

TLC *R^f* 0.32 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.54 - 7.46 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.41 - 7.28 (m, 5H, Ar*H*), 6.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.94 - 6.90 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.25 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, - NCH₃CHCF₃), 3.10 (s, 3H, -CH₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 132.1, 129.5, 129.3, 128.5, 124.3 (q, *J* = 285.4 Hz), 120.1, 121.7, 115.2, 88.6, 78.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 57.0 (q, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 34.8.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.2 (d, J = 7.5 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3059 (w), 2924 (w), 2823 (w), 2233 (w), 1593 (m), 1496 (s), 1369 (m), 1331 (m), 1261 (s), 1176 (s), 1138 (s), 1103 (s), 1034 (m).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ *Calcd* for C₁₇H₁₅F₃N⁺290.1151; Found 290.1160.

1-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (4abl)



Compound **4abl** was prepared from 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (**3l**) (154 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 4.00 equiv) following the GPC. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 98:2 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC 97:3 (Pentane/EtOAc) (52.0 mg, 0.165 mmol, 55%). [¹⁹FNMR yield determined by PhCF₃ = 68%].

TLC *R^f* 0.39 (97:3 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.41 - 7.33 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 7.17 - 7.10 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.05 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.85 - 6.74 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.35 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, -NCHCF₃), 3.76 (dt, J = 11.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, -NCH₂CH₂-), 3.43 (dt,

J = 11.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, -NCH₂CH₂-), 2.83 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H, -NCH₂-), 2.06 - 1.96 (m, 2H, Ar-CH₂-CH₂-).

³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 132.1, 130.0, 129.2, 128.5, 127.3, 124.5 (q, *J* = 285.4 Hz), 124.6, 121.7, 118.7, 112.8, 88.2, 78.8 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 55.4 (q, *J* = 33.9 Hz), 45.7, 28.1, 21.9.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.2 (d, J = 6.8 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3062 (w), 3028 (w), 2935 (m), 2858 (w), 2233 (w), 1604 (m), 1496 (m), 1454 (m), 1354 (m), 1304 (m), 1254 (s), 1126 (s), 1176 (s), 1057 (w), 991 (w), 891 (w), 833 (w), 752 (s).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ *Calcd* for C₁₉H₁₇F₃N⁺316.1308; Found 316.1310.

Methyl 4-((4,4,5,5,5-pentafluoro-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-yl)amino)benzoate (4bba)



Compound **4bba** was prepared following the GPB. It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 97:3 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a white solid after trituration with pentane (59.8 mg, 0.156 mmol, 52%).

TLC *Rf* 0.16 (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.39 - 7.29 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.77 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.12 (q, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H, - CHCF₂CF₃), 4.44 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₂CF₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, -COOCH₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 148.8, 132.1, 131.7, 129.5, 128.6, 121.7, 121.1, 120.4 (t, *J* = 35.2 Hz), 117.5 (t, *J* = 35.2 Hz), 113.3, 87.5, 79.2 (br s), 51.9, 48.2 (t, *J* = 26.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.9, -121.6 (dd, J = 138.3, 10.9 Hz).

IR (*v_{max}*, *cm*⁻¹) 3344 (w), 3043 (w), 2237 (w), 1705 (m), 1608 (s), 1527 (m), 1439 (m), 1281 (s), 1188 (s), 1119 (m), 1022 (w), 964 (w), 841 (w), 764 (m);

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ *Calcd* for C₁₉H₁₅F₅NO₂⁺ 384.1017; Found 384.1026.

Methyl 4-((1,1-difluoro-4-phenyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)amino)benzoate (4cba):



Compound **4cba** was prepared following the GPC but using Cu(MeCN)4SbF₆ (2.7 mg, 2.5 mol%) and **2b** (108 mg, 0.230 mmol, 1.00 equiv.). It was purified by FC (100% Pentane to 70:30 Pentane/EtOAc) and obtained as a yellow oil after a re-purification by PTLC (65:35 Pentane/EtOAc) (22.8 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 22%).

TLC *R*_f 0.03 (95:5 Pentane/EtOAc).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.77 - 7.71 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.62 - 7.55 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.45 - 7.40 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.37 - 7.27 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.78 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.48 (ddd, J = 13.3, 9.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₂-), 4.52 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H, -NHCHCF₂-), 3.88 (s, 3H, -COOCH₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 148.6, 135.7, 133.6, 132.2, 131.7, 130.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 121.6, 121.3, 118.6 (q, *J* = 297.7 Hz), 113.5, 87.8, 79.7 (br s), 51.9, 48.4 (dd, *J* = 26.2, 23.2 Hz).

¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -104.7 (dd, *J* = 233.6, 8.2 Hz), -108.9 (dd, *J* = 233.7, 13.6 Hz).

IR (*v*_{max}, *cm*⁻¹) 3356 (w), 3024 (w), 2951 (w), 2237 (w), 1705 (s), 1608 (s), 1527 (m), 1442 (m), 1342 (m), 1284 (s), 1169 (s), 1115 (m), 841 (w), 760 (s), 690 (m).

HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀F₂NO₄S⁺ 456.1076; Found 456.1087.

6. Characterization of aminal side-product 4aaa'

Dimethyl 4,4'-((2,2,2-trifluoroethane-1,1-diyl)bis(azanediyl))dibenzoate (4aaa'):



Yellow oil
¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** *δ* 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H, Ar*H*), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H, Ar*H*), 5.40 (td, *J* = 7.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H, -NHC*H*CF₃), 4.53 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, -N*H*-), 3.86 (s, 6H, -COOC*H*₃).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 148.2, 131.9, 123.9 (q, J = 281.0 Hz), 121.9, 113.0, 64.9 (q, J = 33.4 Hz), 52.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -79.0.

IR (*v_{max}, cm⁻¹*) 3348 (w), 1608 (s), 1523 (m), 1439 (m), 1284 (s), 1184 (s), 1142 (m), 910 (w), 733 (m).

HRMS (nanochip-ESI/LTQ-Orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}F_3N_2NaO_4^+ 405.1033$; Found 405.1039

7. X-Ray structure for compound 4aaa



Compound 4aaa. CCDC: 2086310

Empirical formula C21H30F3NO2Si Formula weight 413.55 Temperature 130(1) K Wavelength 1.54184 Å Crystal system Triclinic Space group *P*-1 Unit cell dimensions a = 7.9513(9) Å $a = 89.560(10)^{\circ}$. b = 9.7717(10) Å $b = 75.444(11)^{\circ}$. c = 15.144(2) Å $g = 84.693(9)^{\circ}$. Volume 1133.9(2) Å3 Ζ 2

Density (calculated) 1.211 Mg/m³ 1.262 mm⁻¹ Absorption coefficient F(000) 440 Crystal size 0.621 x 0.137 x 0.078 mm³ Q range for data collection 4.545 to 72.494° . Index ranges $-9 \le h \le 5, -11 \le k \le 11, -18 \le l \le 18$ Reflections collected 7816 Independent reflections 4275 [*R*_{int} = 0.0525] Completeness to $q = 67.684^{\circ} 98.6 \%$ Absorption correctionAnalytical Max. and min. transmission 0.930 and 0.680 Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F2 Data / restraints / parameters 4275 / 0 / 264 Goodness-of-fit on F2 1.026 Final R indices [I > 2s(I)] $R_1 = 0.0676, wR_2 = 0.1745$ R indices (all data) $R_1 = 0.0962, wR_2 = 0.2061$ Largest diff. peak and hole 0.546 and -0.320 e.Å-3

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9. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra for new compounds









 $< \frac{.75.56}{.75.58}$

¹⁹F NMR (376MHz, CDCl₃)























¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃)





¹⁹F NMR (376MHz, CDCl₃)











<-75.66



¹⁹F NMR (376MHz, CDCl₃)















¹⁹F NMR (376MHz, CDCl₃)

 $<^{-75.71}_{-75.72}$


¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃)





0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -2 δ(ppm)





0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 δ (ppm)





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$\int_{-104.25}^{-104.36} (104.38) \\ -104.98 \\ -105.00 \\ -105.00 \\ -108.60 \\ -109.22 \\ -$



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