# **Electrochemical Gold Redox Catalysis for Selective Oxidative Arylation**

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# **I.** General Methods and Materials

All of the reactions dealing with air and/or moisture-sensitive compounds were carried out under an atmosphere of argon using oven/flame-dried glassware and standard syringe/septa techniques. Unless otherwise noted, all commercial reagents and solvents were obtained from the commercial provider and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Agilent 400/600 MHz spectrometers spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported relative to internal tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  0.00 ppm) or CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H and CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.00 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C. Flash column chromatography was performed on 230-430 mesh silica gel. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed with precoated glass baked plates (250µ) and visualized by fluorescence and by charring after treatment with potassium permanganate stain.

# **II. General Procedures**

# 2.0 General procedure for the ElectraSyn Set-up

# Handmade cell connection with IKA ElectraSyn







**2.** Wind a thin wire and attach to the screw on cathode(-)





**3.** Assemble both graphite electrode and Pt electrode.

1. Remove the top cover



**4.** Complete the vial set up



**5.** Connection the vials to IKA Carousel

#### 2.1 General procedure for EAO promoted diaryl oxidative coupling reaction



To a 10 mL ElectraSyn screwed vial with 0.5 M  $nBu_4NOAc$  (2.5 mmol, purchased from TCI, catalog# T2694) and 0.2 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) in MeOH:MeCN = 4:1 (5mL), aryl-boronic acid **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (0.025mmol, 5 mol%) was added. The vial was placed on IKA Carousel and run under constant current at 5 mA for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give desired product **2**.

#### 2.2 General procedure for EAO promoted terminal alkyne arylation reaction

$$R^{1} = + \begin{array}{c} R^{2} \\ R^{1} = + \\ \mathbf{4} \\ \mathbf{1} \\$$

To a 10 mL ElectraSyn screwed vial with 0.5 M  $nBu_4NOAc$  (2.5 mmol, purchased from TCI, catalog# T2694) and 0.2 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) in MeOH:MeCN = 4:1 (5mL), aryl-boronic acid **1** (0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), terminal alkyne **4** (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (0.025mmol, 10 mol%) was added. The vial was placed on IKA Carousel and run under constant current at 5 mA for 18 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give desired product **5**.

#### 2.3 General procedure for EAO promoted aryl boronic acid macrocyclization reaction



To a 10 mL ElectraSyn screwed vial with 0.5 M nBu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (2.5 mmol, purchased from TCI, catalog# T2694) and 0.2 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> (1

mmol) in MeOH:MeCN = 4:1 (5mL), aryl-boronic acid 1 (0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.),  $Ph_3PAuCl$  (0.005mmol, 10 mol%) was added. The vial was placed on IKA Carousel and run under constant current at 5 mA for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give desired product 2.

# **III. Condition Optimization and Mechanistic Studies**

# 3.1 Optimization studies of aryl homo-coupling reaction

	F	B(OH)2	Electroly Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl( Solven	/te 10%) ₁t F─⟨		→F F →	—ОН
	 1a		C/Pt, 5 mA,	rt, 12 h	2a	3a	
Entm	Electrol	yte	Sol	vent	Y	ield	Note
Entry	nBu <sub>4</sub> NOAc	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	MeOH	MeCN	2a	<b>3</b> a	
1	0.5 M	-	4 mL	1 mL	23%	10%	-
2	0.2 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	36%	16%	-
3	<b>0.5 M</b>	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	78%	< <b>5%</b>	-
4	0.2 M	0.5 M	4 mL	1 mL	14%	35%	-
5	0.5 M	0.2 M	5 mL	0 mL	15%	10%	-
6	0.5 M	0.2 M	3 mL	2 mL	49%	7%	-
7	0.5 M	0.2 M	2.5 mL	2.5 mL	51%	<5%	-
8	0.5 M	0.2 M	2 mL	3 mL	42%	<5%	-
9	0.5 M	0.2 M	1 mL	4 mL	23%	8%	-
10	0.5 M LiOA	c.2H <sub>2</sub> O	4 mL	1 mL	36%	<5%	-
11	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	trace	0%	Argon
12	0.75 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	36%	15%	-
13	0.5 M	0.02 M	4 mL	1 mL	8%	<5%	-
14	0.5 M	0.05 M	4 mL	1 mL	14%	<5%	-
15	0.5 M	0.1 M	4 mL	1 mL	41%	10%	-
16	0.5 M	0.15 M	4 mL	1 mL	74%	<5%	-
17	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	75%	<5%	-

18	0.5 M	0.25 M	4 mL	1 mL	72%	<5%	-
19	0.5 M	0.3 M	4 mL	1 mL	30%	<5%	-
20	0.5 M	0.4 M	4 mL	1 mL	10%	<5%	-
21	0.5 M	0.5 M	4 mL	1 mL	<5%	<5%	-
23	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	38%	<5%	Water-free
24	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	72%	<5%	Add 1 eq water
25	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	70%	<5%	Add 2 eq water
26	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	72%	<5%	Add 3 eq water
27	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	74%	<5%	Add 5 eq water
28	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	75%	<5%	Add 10 eq water
29	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	40%	<5%	25% concentration
30	0.5 M	0.2 M	4 mL	1 mL	0%	<5%	No [Au]

3.2 Study of "oxygen effect"

	F → B(OH) <sub>2</sub> B(OH) <sub>2</sub> 1a B(OH) <sub>2</sub> nBu₄NOAc (0 Ph₃PAuCl (1 MeOH:MeCN C/Pt, 5 mA, rt Argon atmos	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{0.5 M} \\ \textbf{0\%} \\ \textbf{= 4:1} \\ \textbf{t}, 12 \text{ h} \\ \textbf{phere} \end{array}  \textbf{F}  \textbf{2a}$
Entry	Adduct	Result
1	N/A	No rxn, fast gold decomposition
2	50 uL H <sub>2</sub> O	No rxn, fast gold decomposition
3	500 uL H <sub>2</sub> O	No rxn, fast gold decomposition
4	$50 \ \mu L \ H_2O + 2 \ eq \ Li_2CO_3$	No rxn, fast gold decomposition
5	2 eq NaOH	No rxn, fast gold decomposition
6	2 eq LiOMe	No rxn, fast gold decomposition
7	$O_2$	25% yield

8	$O_2 + 50 \text{ uL } H_2O$	25% yield
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We started our investigation on performing our standard reaction in glovebox (Entry 1). We observed that gold will decompose on cathode quickly (usually in 1 h). Then we start to wonder which adduct stopped the gold decomposition. We tried to add water, base and oxygen separately (Entry 2-8). Only entries with oxygen gave us desired product **2a** without gold decomposition. However, it was still not clear that whether oxygen helped with the gold oxidation on anode or simply serve as a sacrificial oxidant (perform reduction on cathode instead of gold), so we designed two more experiment to study on it.



We prepared Ph<sub>3</sub>PAu(p-FPh) as starting material, and charged them into standard reaction condition, one under argon and one under oxygen. If the one with argon did not give desired diaryl product, then oxygen should play an important role in gold oxidation. If both of them reacted well, then oxygen should serve as a sacrificial oxidant. The result showed that both reactions worked well, generated the desired product at 80% yield. This result clearly indicated that oxygen is a sacrificial oxidant, it was reduced on cathode to prevent the gold decomposition.

#### 3.3 Optimization studies of terminal alkyne arylation reaction



2	0.1 M LiClO <sub>4</sub>	30%	26%
3	No LiClO <sub>4</sub>	21%	30%
4	0.3 M LiClO <sub>4</sub>	34%	18%
5	5 mL MeOH	32%	25%
6	3 mL MeOH 2 mL MeCN	41%	46%
7	2 mL MeOH 3 mL MeCN	<5%	12%
8	5 eq <b>4a</b> , 1 eq <b>1a</b>	10%	<5%
9	3 eq 1a, no LiClO <sub>4</sub>	18%	30%
10	3 eq 1a	40%	35%

#### 3.4 General procedures and results for mechanistic studies

$$\frac{Ph_{3}PAuCl + Ar - B(OH)_{2}}{Ar = p - F - C_{6}H_{4}} \xrightarrow{\frac{nBu_{4}NOAc}{CDCl_{3}/MeOH} = 1:1} \frac{Ph_{3}PAu - Ar}{100\%}$$

To a 5 mL vial with 0.2 mmol *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc in 1 ml CDCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH = 1:1 solvent was added 0.1 mmol Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl and 0.1 mmol *p*-FPhB(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was stirred at room temperation for 1 h, and the resulted solution was directly used to perform <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>31</sup>P NMR study without further operation.

Result: The conversion of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl and the yield of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAu-Ar were both 100%.



To a 5 mL vial was added 0.1 mmol **1aa**, 0.8 mL MeCN and 0.2 mL HOAc. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, then the resulted solution was directly used to perform <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>31</sup>P NMR study with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as deuterium solvent.

**Result**: Purple precipitation started to form within 10 min. **1aa** was completely consumed after 30 min and the yield of **1ab** was 100%



To a 10 mL ElectraSyn screwed vial with 0.5 M  $nBu_4NOAc$  (2.5 mmol, purchased from TCI, catalog# T2694) and 0.2 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) in MeOH:MeCN = 4:1 (5mL), **1j** (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **1m** (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (0.025mmol, 10 mol%) was added. The vial was placed on IKA Carousel and run under constant current at 5 mA for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, 0.25 mmol 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene was added to the solution to perform <sup>1</sup>H NMR study.

Result: Homocoupling product 2j was detected in 60% yield, the cross-coupling product has only trace amount yield.

$$Ph_{3}PAuCI + Ar-B \xrightarrow{nBu_{4}NOAc (2 eq.)}_{CDCl_{3}/MeOH = 1:1} Ph_{3}PAu-Ar Ar = p-F-C_{6}H_{4}$$

$$rt, 1h$$

$$Ar-B = ArB(OH)_{2} ArBpin ArBF_{3}K ArB(MIDA)$$

$$Yield 100\% 55\% 20\% 0\%$$

To a 5 mL vial with 0.2 mmol  $nBu_4NOAc$  in 1 ml CDCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH = 1:1 solvent was added 0.1 mmol Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl and 0.1 mmol corresponding boron compounds. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, and the resulted solution was directly used to perform <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>31</sup>P NMR study without further operation.

Result: as shown above.

	<i>p-t-</i> BuPhB(OH) <sub>2</sub>	<i>n</i> Bu <sub>4</sub> NOAc (0.5 M) LiClO <sub>4</sub> (0.2 M)	Ar—Ar 27%	<i>p-t-</i> BuPh−Ar 53%
$Ar = p - F - C_6 H_4$	<i>p-t-</i> BuPhBF <sub>3</sub> K	MeOH:MeCN = 4:1 C/Pt, 5 mA, rt, 2 h	Ar—Ar < 5%	<i>p-t-</i> BuPh-Ar 18%

To a 10 mL ElectraSyn screwed vial with 0.5 M  $nBu_4NOAc$  (2.5 mmol, purchased from TCI, catalog# T2694) and 0.2 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) in MeOH:MeCN = 4:1 (5mL), 0.25 mmol Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuPhF and 0.25 mmol corresponding boron compound was added. The vial was placed on IKA Carousel and run under constant current at 5 mA for 2 h. After the reaction was completed, the solution was directly used

to perform 19F NMR study with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as deuterium solution.

**Result**: Reaction of p- $tBuC_6H_4B(OH)_2$  and Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuPhF gave 53% cross coupling product and 27% homocoupling product. Reaction of p- $tBuC_6H_4BF_3K$  and Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuPhF gave 18% cross coupling product, while no homocoupling product was observed.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & \text{Ar-B(OH)}_2 & 1.0 \text{ eq.} \\ \text{Ph}_3\text{PAuCl} + & \text{and} \\ 1.0 \text{ eq.} & \hline & C_8\text{H}_{17} & 1.0 \text{ eq.} \end{array} \xrightarrow[\text{rt, 1h}]{} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph}_3\text{PAu}-\text{Ar} \\ \text{Bu}_4\text{NOAc} (2 \text{ eq.}) \\ \text{CDCl}_3/\text{MeOH} = 1:1 \\ \text{rt, 1h} \end{array} \xrightarrow[\text{rt, 2h}]{} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph}_3\text{PAu}-\text{Ar} \\ \text{66\%} \\ \text{Ph}_3\text{PAu}-\underbrace{\longrightarrow} & C_8\text{H}_1 \\ \text{33\%} \end{array}$$

To a 5 mL vial with 0.2 mmol  $nBu_4NOAc$  in 1 ml CDCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH = 1:1 solvent was added 0.1 mmol Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl ,0.1 mmol **1a** and 0.1 mmol **4a**. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, and the resulted solution was directly used to perform <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>31</sup>P NMR study without further operation.

**Result**: The conversion of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl was 100%. Aryl gold species was generated in 66% yield and the gold acetylene was generated in 33% yield.

# **IV. ORTEP Drawing of Crystal Structures**

X-ray diffraction data were measured on Bruker D8 Venture PHOTON II CPAD diffractometer equipped with a Cu K<sub>a</sub> INCOATEC ImuS microfocus source ( $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å). Indexing was performed using *APEX3* [1] (Difference Vectors method). Data integration and reduction were performed using SaintPlus [2]. Absorption correction was performed by multi-scan method implemented in SADABS [3]. Space groups were determined using XPREP implemented in APEX3 [1]. Structure was solved using SHELXT [4] and refined using SHELXL-2018 [5] (full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup>) through OLEX2 interface program [6]. Crystal data and refinement conditions are shown in Tables 1 - 4.

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Table 1 Crystal data and st	ructure refinement for 2r.
Identification code	2r
Empirical formula	$C_{19}H_{18}O_4$
Formula weight	310.33
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a/Å	10.6865(4)
b/Å	4.4027(2)
c/Å	32.2490(10)
α/°	90
β/°	96.691(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1506.96(10)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.368
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.779
F(000)	656.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.2  imes 0.05  imes 0.04
Radiation	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54178)$
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/ <sup>c</sup>	<sup>o</sup> 5.518 to 157.686
Index ranges	$-13 \le h \le 12, -5 \le k \le 5, -41 \le 1 \le 39$
Reflections collected	15842
Independent reflections	$3216 [R_{int} = 0.0428, R_{sigma} = 0.0328]$
Data/restraints/parameters	3216/0/208
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.042
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0417, wR_2 = 0.1036$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0521, wR_2 = 0.1141$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.23/-0.22



Fig.1. Asymmetric unit of **2r**. Anisotropic displacement parameters were drawn at 50% probability level. CCDC: 2048962

Table 2 Crystal data and st	tructure refinement for 2t.
Identification code	2t
Empirical formula	$C_{24}H_{32}O_2$
Formula weight	352.49
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	11.4588(5)
b/Å	7.6111(3)
c/Å	22.9097(9)
a/°	90
β/°	94.3530(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1992.28(14)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.175
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.559
F(000)	768.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.18  imes 0.17  imes 0.12
Radiation	$CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54178)$
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/	<sup>/°</sup> 7.74 to 159.884
Index ranges	$-14 \le h \le 14, -9 \le k \le 9, -29 \le l \le 29$
Reflections collected	15199
Independent reflections	2150 [ $R_{int} = 0.0413$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0269$
Data/restraints/parameters	2150/0/118
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.045
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0359, wR_2 = 0.0982$

Final R indexes [all data]  $R_1 = 0.0367, wR_2 = 0.0992$ Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup> 0.23/-0.18



Table 3 Crystal data and structure refinement for 2v.		
Identification code	2v	
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{24}O_2$	
Formula weight	296.39	
Temperature/K	100.0	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
a/Å	21.5319(9)	

b/Å	7.5076(3)
c/Å	11.3927(5)
α/°	90
β/°	119.9544(9)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1595.66(12)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.234
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.607
F(000)	640.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.2 \times 0.16 \times 0.1$
Radiation	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54178)$
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/	° 9.482 to 159.858
Index ranges	$-27 \le h \le 27, -9 \le k \le 9, -13 \le l \le 14$
Reflections collected	19312
Independent reflections	1702 [ $R_{int} = 0.0426, R_{sigma} = 0.0233$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	1702/0/100
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.043
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0385, wR_2 = 0.1053$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0395, wR_2 = 0.1067$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-	3 0.24/-0.26



# **V. Compound Characterization**

2a

4,4'-difluoro-1,1'-biphenyl

**2a** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.4 Hz, 4H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  162.44 (d, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 136.41 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 128.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 115.72 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  162.44 (d, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 136.41 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 128.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 115.72 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -115.72.



# 3,3'-difluoro-1,1'-biphenyl

2b was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 (td, *J* = 7.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 2.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (tdd, *J* = 8.3, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.19 (d, *J* = 245.9 Hz), 142.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 130.42 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 122.76 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 114.69 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 114.07 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz).
<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -112.75.



2,2'-difluoro-1,1'-biphenyl

**2c** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.22 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.85 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 131.63, 129.79 (t, J = 4.3 Hz), 124.09, 123.54 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 115.81 (dd, J = 17.6, 4.7 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -114.82.

2d

4,4'-dichloro-1,1'-biphenyl

2d was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.47 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.44, 133.75, 129.07, 128.25.



# 4,4'-dibromo-1,1'-biphenyl

**2e** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.56 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.93, 132.05, 128.54, 121.97.



2f

1,1'-biphenyl

**2f** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.66 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.25, 128.78, 127.28, 127.20.



# 2,2'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl

**2g** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.33 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.04, 131.50, 128.66, 127.80, 120.37, 111.09, 55.72.



# 2h

## 4,4'-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl

**2h** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 2.38 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.32, 136.75, 129.49, 126.86, 21.15.



# 3,3',5,5'-tetramethyl-1,1'-biphenyl

**2i** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.23 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.47, 138.14, 128.76, 125.14, 21.45.

4,4'-di-tert-butyl-1,1'-biphenyl

**2j** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 1.36 (s, 18H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.93, 138.23, 126.71, 125.68, 34.55, 31.44.



#### 2k

#### dimethyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-2,2'-dicarboxylate

**2k** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a colorless oil <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.01 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.43, 143.31, 131.51, 130.20, 129.87, 129.32, 127.20, 51.86.



dimethyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarboxylate

**21** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.30 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.93, 140.38, 131.56, 130.84, 129.05, 128.84, 128.27, 52.30.

dimethyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-dicarboxylate

**2m** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.19 – 8.11 (m, 4H), 7.75 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 3.95 (s, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.84, 144.36, 130.23, 129.69, 127.28, 52.28.

## [1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-dicarbonitrile

**2n** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 5:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.54, 132.93, 127.97, 118.46, 112.43.



## 1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(ethan-1-one)

**20** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 2.66 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.72, 144.37, 136.55, 129.05, 127.48, 26.77.

# 4,4'-bis(trifluoromethoxy)-1,1'-biphenyl 2p was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) $\delta$ 7.63 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.29 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\delta$ 148.94, 138.59, 128.49, 121.38, 120.52 (q, *J* = 258.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) $\delta$ -57.85.

### 4,4'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl

**2q** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.26, 130.28 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 127.66, 125.97 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.12 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz).



4,10-dioxa-1,2(1,3)-dibenzenacycloundecaphane-3,11-dione

**2r** was prepared following the general procedure 2.3 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.90 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.45 – 4.32 (m, 4H), 2.14 (qd, *J* = 10.5, 9.4, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (dddd, *J* = 10.7, 9.0, 6.7, 5.0 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.35, 139.06, 133.68, 131.79, 129.23, 128.59, 127.50, 64.14, 30.12, 22.85.



**2s** was prepared following the general procedure 2.1 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (ddt, *J* = 7.7, 5.2, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.46, 133.52, 132.85, 128.17, 127.91, 127.85, 126.58, 126.00, 125.83, 125.41.



4,15-dioxa-1,2(1,4)-dibenzenacyclohexadecaphane

**2t** was prepared following the general procedure 2.3 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 20:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 4.48 (s, 4H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.8 Hz, 4H), 1.30 – 1.20 (m, 6H), 0.87 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 5.7 Hz, 5H), 0.50 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 3.4 Hz, 4H), 0.32 – 0.20 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.75, 137.96, 130.44, 126.40, 72.21, 65.17, 31.55, 29.95, 29.25, 25.10.



2u

#### 4,13-dioxa-1,2(1,4)-dibenzenacyclotetradecaphane

**2u** was prepared following the general procedure 2.3 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 20:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 4.52 (s, 4H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 0.63 – 0.47 (m, 8H), 0.35 (p, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.12, 137.94, 130.92, 126.71, 73.61, 68.46, 30.83, 30.13, 26.00.



#### 2v

### 4,11-dioxa-1,2(1,4)-dibenzenacyclododecaphane

**2v** was prepared following the general procedure 2.3 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 20:1) as a white solid <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 4.45 (s, 4H), 3.09 – 2.97 (m, 4H), 0.14 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 3.6 Hz, 4H), -0.00 – -0.06 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.23, 136.68, 131.27, 126.97, 73.85, 68.47, 31.01, 25.96.

5a

### 1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-4-fluorobenzene

**5a** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.48 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.22 (m, 8H), 0.94 – 0.85 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.01 (d, *J* = 248.1 Hz), 133.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 120.15 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 115.37 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz),

90.11, 79.47, 31.88, 29.24, 29.16, 28.97, 28.74, 22.70, 19.36, 14.14.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -112.48.

#### 1-chloro-4-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)benzene

**5b** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (p, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.34 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.36, 132.78, 128.49, 122.61, 91.61, 79.50, 31.87, 29.22, 29.14, 28.96, 28.67, 22.69, 19.42, 14.15.

5c

### 1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene

**5c** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.42, 131.41, 128.95, 120.99, 89.69, 80.54, 31.88, 29.24, 29.17, 28.97, 28.85, 22.70, 21.43, 19.45, 14.15.

5d

# 1-(tert-butyl)-4-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)benzene

**5d** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.43 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (s, 17H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.58, 131.22, 125.18, 121.08, 89.72, 80.52, 34.67, 31.88, 31.22, 29.25, 29.17, 28.95, 28.86, 22.70, 19.45, 14.15.

#### methyl 4-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate

**5e** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (dq, *J* = 9.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 - 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.91 - 0.87 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.73, 131.48, 129.41, 128.96, 128.79, 94.08, 80.10, 52.19, 31.86, 29.22, 29.13, 28.96, 28.59, 22.69, 19.53, 14.15.

#### 1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene

**5f** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 10:1) as a colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.49 - 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.26 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.95, 132.86, 116.26, 113.79, 88.86, 80.21, 55.27, 31.88, 29.25, 29.17, 28.98, 28.90, 22.70, 19.44, 14.15.



5g

#### 1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-2-fluorobenzene

**5g** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 (td, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (tt, J = 9.4, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (ddd, J = 15.3, 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 8H), 0.95 – 0.84 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.81 (d, J = 249.9 Hz), 129.07 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 123.78 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 115.35 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 112.53 (d, J = 15.8 Hz). 133.56, 96.04, 73.85, 31.87, 29.23, 29.14, 28.91, 28.63, 22.70, 19.63, 14.15. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -111.14.



5h 1-bromo-2-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)benzene

**5h** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.55 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (p, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.53 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.92 – 0.86 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.31, 132.27, 128.64, 126.90, 126.10, 125.46, 95.69, 79.35, 31.88, 29.25, 29.14, 28.90, 28.58, 22.70, 19.60, 14.16.



#### 5i

#### 1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-2-methylbenzene

**5i** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.61 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.51 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.94, 131.78, 129.28, 127.44, 125.41, 123.86, 94.50, 79.43, 31.88, 29.26, 29.15, 28.92, 28.84, 22.70, 20.77, 19.57, 14.15.



5j

1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-2-methoxybenzene

**5** j was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 20:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.30 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 8.2, 3.3 Hz, 6H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.79, 133.68, 128.86, 120.39, 113.13, 110.49, 94.80, 76.58, 55.80, 31.88, 29.27, 29.18, 28.98, 28.88, 22.71, 19.82, 14.15.

5k

1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

**5k** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.91 – 0.86 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.40, 133.60, 128.56, 126.61, 121.21, 120.86 (q, *J* = 258.1 Hz), 118.82, 96.37, 74.76, 31.86, 29.21,

29.15, 28.79, 28.54, 22.69, 19.55, 14.12.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.52.

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#### dec-1-yn-1-ylbenzene

**5** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.45 (p, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 131.55, 128.20, 127.47, 124.09, 90.53, 80.54, 31.88, 29.24, 29.16, 28.96, 28.79, 22.70, 19.44, 14.15.



#### 2-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-1,3-difluorobenzene

5m was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.19 (tt, *J* = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (p, *J*) = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.50 - 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.26 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.29 (d, J = 252.2 Hz), 128.63, 111.02 (dd, J = 20.3, 4.6 Hz), 102.87 (t, J = 19.7 Hz).101.25, 67.38, 31.84, 29.20, 29.10, 28.83, 28.46, 22.69, 19.81, 14.14.

<sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -108.66.

#### 5n

#### 1-(dec-1-yn-1-yl)-3,5-dimethylbenzene

5n was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.03 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 8H), 1.59 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 8H), 1.59 (s, = 15.0, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.49 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.72, 129.38, 129.24, 123.67, 89.74, 80.74, 31.89, 29.24, 29.17, 28.95, 28.84, 22.70, 21.12, 19.42, 14.16.



1-fluoro-2-((2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethynyl)benzene

50 was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53 (td, J = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  162.72 (d, J = 252.4 Hz), 149.33, 133.56 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 129.81, 126.82, 124.03 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.43, 120.60 (q, J = 249.1 Hz), 117.81, 115.62 (d, J = 20.6 Hz), 111.48 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 88.47 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 111.48 (d, J = 15.6 Hz) = 3.1 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.61, -109.50.



# 1-((3-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

**5p** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 2.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.39 (d, *J* = 246.9 Hz), 149.40, 133.53, 130.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 129.82, 127.64 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.85, 124.61 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 121.44, 120.60 (q, *J* = 252.2 Hz), 118.47 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 117.67, 116.10 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 93.30, 84.34.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.53, -112.79.



# 1-(m-tolylethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

5q was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.29, 138.12, 133.48, 132.26, 129.66, 129.35, 128.85, 128.31, 126.79, 122.60, 121.40, 120.85 (q, *J* = 256.4 Hz), 118.25, 94.91, 83.14, 21.28.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.48.



5r

# 1-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

5r was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  162.79 (d, J = 250.5 Hz), 149.29, 133.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 133.39, 129.52, 126.83, 121.42, 120.63 (q, J = 256.5 Hz), 118.96 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 117.97, 115.76 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 93.60, 83.22.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.51, -110.17.



# 1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

5s was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.32, 134.80, 133.44, 132.93, 129.69, 128.79, 126.84, 121.42, 121.28, 120.65 (q, *J* = 255.2 Hz), 117.81, 93.50, 84.44.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.51.



# 1-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

5t was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.32, 133.44, 133.13, 131.72, 129.73, 126.85, 123.06, 121.75, 121.43, 120.66 (q, *J* = 256.5 Hz), 117.79, 93.56, 84.62.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.50.



# 1-(trifluoromethoxy)-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzene

**5u** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a white solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 5H), 7.40 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 6.8 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.47, 133.58, 131.94, 130.37(q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 129.54, 126.89, 126.59, 125.36 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 123.90 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz).121.46, 120.61 (q, *J* = 258.0 Hz), 117.44, 93.09, 85.78. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.55, -62.86.



#### 1-(p-tolylethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

**5v** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 - 7.15 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.25, 138.97, 133.40, 131.63, 129.22, 129.18, 126.77, 121.39, 120.65 (q, *J* = 258.1 Hz), 119.72, 118.36, 94.95, 82.88, 21.60.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.49.



5w

## 1-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene

**5w** was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EA = 20:1) as a colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.97, 149.15, 133.25, 129.03, 126.76, 121.38, 120.66 (q, *J* = 258.0 Hz), 118.49, 114.90, 114.06, 94.84, 82.30, 55.36.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.48.

triisopropyl((2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethynyl)silane

5x was prepared following the general procedure 2.2 and purified by column chromatography (hexane) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 1.13 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 21H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.73, 134.08, 129.42, 126.61, 121.27, 120.57 (q, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 118.33, 100.42, 97.08, 18.55, 11.22. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -57.50.






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