Supplementary Information

C–F Bond Activation Enables Synthesis of Aryl Difluoromethyl Bicyclopetanes as Benzophenone-Type Bioisosteres

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1) General Information

Commercial reagents were purified prior to use following the guidelines of Perrin and Armarego.¹ All solvents were purified according to the method of Grubbs.² Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a Büchi rotary evaporator using a water bath. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried tubes, prepared under nitrogen atmosphere. Commercial reagents were purchased from Bide Pharmatech CO.,Ltd, Honghu Pharmatech Ltd., Adamas-beta, J&K, TCI, Yuanye Bio-Technology. Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished using forced-flow chromatography on silica gel (Silicycle, 230–400 mesh) according to the method of Still. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on Huanghai 0.25 mm silica gel F-254 plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence quenching, ceric ammonium molybdate stain, Phosphomolybdic Acid stain or KMnO₄ stain. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 500 MHz or a Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 400 MHz and are internally referenced to residual protic CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm), CD₂Cl₂ (5.32 ppm), DMSO-d6 (2.50 ppm). Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dq = doubletof quartets), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 500 MHz (125 MHz) or Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 400 MHz (100 MHz) and data are reported in terms of chemical shift relative to CDCl₃ (77.16 ppm), CD₂Cl₂ (53.84 ppm), DMSO-d6 (39.52 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 500 MHz (471 MHz) or Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 400 MHz (376 MHz). ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 500 MHz (202 MHz) or Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 400 MHz (162 MHz).¹¹B NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker UltraShield Plus Avance III 400 MHz (128 MHz). High Resolution Mass Spectra were obtained on Thermo Fisher Exactive Plus Orbitrap Mass Spectrum (ESI), Orbitrap Exploris GC Mass Spectrum (EI) or Waters Synapt-G2-Si Mass Spectrum (APCI). Ultraviolet-Visible absorption spectra was acquired using Agilent Cary 60. Steady-state emission spectra and Quantum yield were acquired using a Hitachi F-4700. Electrochemical measurements were carried out using a Gamry Interface 1010 electrochemical analyzer.

2) PN Photocatalyst Synthesis

2'-(Diphenylphosphaneyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (3)



According to literature³, to a Schlenk tube equipped with stir bar was added (2aminophenyl)boronic acid (10.2)30 mmol. 1.0 equiv.), (2 g, bromophenyl)diphenylphosphane (8.2 g, 60 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Pd(dppf)Cl₂(653 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3 mol%), K₃PO₄ (19.1 g, 90 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (120 mL), water (20 mL) in glovebox and sealed. The reaction was heated to 120 °C outside the glovebox. After 12 hours the reaction was quenched by exposure to air and dilute with water and DCM and filtered to remove the inorganic precipitate. The organic layer was collected and washed by brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, giving a pale yellow oil. The ice cold methanol was added and kept at 0 °C, giving a white solid (3, 8.8 g, 83%)

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.28 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 7H), 7.06 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.59 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 6.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (**125 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 144.74 (d, *J* = 30.7 Hz), 143.58 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 138.16 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 137.52 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 137.09 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 134.17 – 133.87 (m), 133.94, 133.84, 131.12 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 130.67 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 129.39, 128.81, 128.56 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 128.43 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 128.33 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 127.95, 127.15 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 117.87, 115.36.

³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -12.97 (s, 1P).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{24}H_{21}NP^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 354.1406, found 354.1398.

N-(2'-(Diphenylphosphaneyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (c)



To a round flask equipped with stir bar was added **PBN (3)** (1.06 g, 3. mmol, 1.0 equiv.), NaHCO₃ (1.51 g, 18.0 mmol, 6.0 equiv.), DCM (20 mL) in glovebox. The mixture was stirred for 10 mins, the acetyl chloride (0.42 mL, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added dropwise. After 4 hours, the reaction was quenched by water and diluted with DCM, the organic layer was combined, washed by brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, giving a pale yellow oil. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EA = 4:1) to afford a yellow solid (**c**, 924 mg, 78%).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 8.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.14 (m, 15H), 7.06 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (**125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂**) δ 168.05, 143.62 (d, *J* = 29.9 Hz), 138.60 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 137.14 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 136.94 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 135.91, 134.58 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 134.19, 133.88 (d, *J* = 19.7 Hz), 132.25 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 131.27, 130.99 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 129.76, 129.46, 129.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 128.90 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 128.79 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 128.73, 123.76, 121.50, 24.58.

³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -13.83 (s, 1P).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₃NOP⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 396.1512, found 396.1503.

2'-(Diphenylphosphaneyl)-N-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (d)



To an oven-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added **PBN (3)** (707 mg, 2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), anhydrous THF (10 mL) in glovebox and sealed. The flask was

removed from glovebox and cold to -78 °C and *n*-BuLi (0.8 mL,2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv., 2.5 M in hexane) was added dropwise. After 15 mins, methyl iodide (125 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added dropwise and moved back to room temperature. After 3 hours, the reaction was quenched and exacted by water and EA. The organic layer was combined, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*. The yellow residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EA = 4:1) to afford a yellow solid (**d**, 420 mg, 57%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 7.43 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.28 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (**100 MHz**, **CD**₂**Cl**₂) δ 146.95, 145.27 (d, *J* = 31.5 Hz), 138.53 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 138.09 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 137.96 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 134.74, 134.22 (d, *J* = 20.6 Hz), 133.94 (d, *J* = 19.8 Hz), 131.35 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 130.82 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.84, 129.22, 128.88 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 128.73, 128.71 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 128.24, 127.31 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 116.21, 109.72, 30.62.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -14.11 (s, 1P).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{25}H_{23}NP^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 368.1563, found 368.1552.

2'-(Diphenylphosphaneyl)-N-phenyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (4)



According to literature⁴, to a Schlenk tube equipped with stir bar was added 2-bromo-*N*-phenylaniline (5.0 g, 17.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), B_2pin_2 (15.0 g, 35.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$ (1.18 g, 0.88 mmol, 5 mol%), KOAc (8.5 g, 52.8 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), DMF (80 mL) in glovebox and sealed. The reaction was heated to 130 °C outside the glovebox. After 12 hours the reaction was quenched by exposure to air and dilute with water and DCM,

filtered to remove the inorganic precipitate. The organic layer was collected and washed by brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, giving a pale yellow oil. The yellow residue purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EA = 3:1) to afford a yellow solid (**S1**, 4.62 g, 89%).

To a Schlenk tube equipped with stir bar was added (S1, 2.36 g, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and (2-bromophenyl)diphenylphosphane (3.27 g, 9.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (290 mg, 0.4 mmol, 5 mol%), K₃PO₄ (5.1 g, 24 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (30 mL), water (6 mL) in glovebox and sealed. The reaction was heated to 130 °C outside the glovebox. After 12 hours the reaction was quenched by exposure to air and dilute with water and DCM and filtered to remove the inorganic precipitate. The organic layer was collected and washed by brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, giving a pale yellow oil. The yellow residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EA = 10:1) to afford yellow solid (**4**, 2.93 g, 85%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 9H), 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 8H), 6.98 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 145.05 (d, J = 31.3 Hz), 143.45, 141.29, 138.37 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 137.74 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 137.62 (d, J = 6.2 Hz), 134.61, 134.26 (d, J = 20.4 Hz), 133.95 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 131.89 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 131.45 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 131.08 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 129.85, 129.46, 128.97 (d, J = 12.3 Hz), 128.84, 128.73 (d, J = 11.1 Hz), 128.73 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 128.45, 121.40, 120.36, 118.96, 116.80.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -14.04 (s, 1P).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{30}H_{25}NP^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 430.1719, found 430.1706.

1-(Diphenylphosphaneyl)-9H-carbazole (b)



According to literature⁵ with modified attempts, to an oven-dried 500 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added 1-bromo-9H-carbazole (9.84 g, 40.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the oxygen was replaced by nitrogen with Schlenk line techniques. Anhydrous Et₂O (250 mL) was added in room temperature and stirred until completely dissolved. Then the flask was cold to -78 °C and *n*-BuLi (26.8 mL, 2.3 equiv., 2.5 M in hexane) was added dropwise, giving immediately a white suspension. The cold bath was removed and continued stirring at room temperature for 30 mins, giving a pale yellow solution, then returned to the cold bath at -78 °C. Chlorodiphenylphosphine (21.5 mL, 120 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added into this solution, dropwise, drip acceleration rate less than 1mL per 10 mins per syringe. After 6 hours, the reaction was quenched by aqueous solutions of NaH_2PO_4 (0.1 M, 2 × 100 mL) and filtered to removed inorganic salts and the aqueous layer was extracted with two portions of Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* giving yellow oil in flask. A stir bar and Et₂O (5 mL, avoiding oiling-out) were added, and cold to 0 °C. The methanol (about 20 mL) was added dropwise giving a white precipitate from a pale yellow solution. The turbid liquid was reduced in vacuo at 0 °C to remove the Et₂O, and the turbid liquid was quickly separated by filtration, washed with ice cold methanol and dried under vacuum, giving a white solid (S2).

Then white solid **S2** was dissolved by DMSO (150 mL) and water (10 mL), a stir bar and Cs_2CO_3 (25 g) was added subsequently to hydrolyze **S2**. After 15 min, the solution was diluted with water, extracted by three portions of Et₂O, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* giving colorless oil in flask. A stir bar and Et₂O (5 mL, avoiding oiling-out) were added, and cold to 0 °C. The methanol (about 20 mL) was added dropwise giving a white precipitate from the colorless solution. The turbid liquid was reduced *in vacuo* at 0 °C to remove the Et₂O, and the turbid liquid was quickly separated by filtration, washed with ice cold methanol and dried under vacuum, giving a white solid (**b**, 10.64g, 76%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 12H), 7.23 (td, *J* = 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 142.88 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 139.67, 135.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 133.89 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz), 131.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 129.40, 129.12 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 126.42, 123.31, 123.27, 121.80, 120.67, 120.16 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 120.01, 117.73 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 111.19.

³¹**P** NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -19.01 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1P).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{24}H_{19}NP^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 352.1250, found 352.1238.



3,6-Di*-tert*-butyl-1-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-9*H*-carbazole (2)

According to literature⁵ with modified attempts, to an oven-dried 1 L flask equipped with a stir bar was added 3,6-di-*tert*-butyl-9*H*-carbazole (15.78 g, 56.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), silica gel (30 g) and DCM (750 mL) at 0 °C. The *N*-Bromosuccinimide (10.77 g, 59.3 mmol) was gradually added to the solution. After 6 hours, the reaction mixture was filtered, the precipitate was washed with DCM. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* giving pale grey oil. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:Et₂O = 30:1) to afford colorless mesh-like solid (**S3**, 13.0 g, 64%).

To an oven-dried 300 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added **S3** (3.58 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the oxygen was replaced by nitrogen with Schlenk line

techniques. Anhydrous Et₂O (100 mL) was added at room temperature and stirred until completely dissolved. Then the flask was cold to -78 °C and *t*-BuLi (23.0 mL, 3.0 equiv., 1.3 M in pentane) was added dropwise, giving immediately a white suspension. The cold bath was removed and stirring was continued at room temperature for 30 mins, giving a pale yellow solution, then returned to the cold bath at -78 °C. Chlorodiphenylphosphine (5.4 mL, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added into this solution, dropwise, drip acceleration rate less than 1mL per 10 mins per syringe. After 6 hours, the reaction was quenched by aqueous solutions of NaH₂PO₄ (0.1 M, 2 × 50 mL) and filtered to removed inorganic salts and the aqueous layer was extracted with two portions of Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* giving yellow oil in flask. A stir bar and Et₂O (3 mL, avoiding oiling-out) were added, and cold to 0 °C. The methanol (about 10 mL) was added dropwise giving a white precipitate from a pale yellow solution. The turbid liquid was reduced *in vacuo* at 0 °C to remove the Et₂O, and the turbid liquid was quickly separated by filtration, washed with ice cold methanol and dried under vacuum, giving a white solid (**S4**).

The white solid **S4** was dissolved by DMSO (50 mL) and water (5 mL), a stir bar and Cs_2CO_3 (10 g) was added subsequently to hydrolyze **S4**. After 15 mins, the solution was diluted with water, extracted by three portions of Et₂O, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* giving colorless oil in flask. A stir bar and Et₂O (3 mL, avoiding oiling-out) were added, and cold to 0 °C. The methanol (about 10 mL) was added dropwise giving a white precipitate from the colorless solution. The turbid liquid was reduced *in vacuo* at 0 °C to remove the Et₂O, and the turbid liquid was quickly separated by filtration, washed with ice cold methanol and dried under vacuum, giving a white solid (**2**, 3.12 g, 67%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 8H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 10H), 1.34 (s, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 142.87, 142.82 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 141.27 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 138.11, 136.29 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 133.70 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 129.99 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 129.25,

129.06 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 124.12, 123.39 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.18 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 118.14, 116.59, 116.50, 110.53, 35.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 32.04 (d, J = 12.4 Hz).

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -16.07 (s, 1P).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{32}H_{35}NP^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 464.2502, found 464.2490.

3,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-1,8-bis(diphenylphosphaneyl)-9*H*-carbazole (1)



According to literature⁵ with modified attempts, to an oven-dried 300 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added 1,8-dibromo-3,6-di-tert-butyl-9H-carbazole (17.48 g, 40 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the oxygen was replaced by nitrogen with Schlenk line techniques. Anhydrous Et₂O (200 mL) was added in room temperature and stirred until completely dissolved. Then the flask was cold to -78 °C and t-BuLi (172 mL, 6.0 equiv., 1.3 M in pentane) was added dropwise, giving immediately a white suspension. The cold bath was removed and stirring was continued at room temperature for 30 mins, giving a pale yellow solution, then returned to the cold bath at -78 °C. Chlorodiphenylphosphine (36 mL, 200 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was added into this solution, dropwise, drip acceleration rate less than 1mL per 10 mins per syringe. After 6 hours, the reaction was quenched by aqueous solutions of NaH₂PO₄ (0.1 M, 2×100 mL) and filtered to removed inorganic salts and the aqueous layer was extracted with two portions of Et_2O . The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo giving yellow oil in flask. A stir bar and Et₂O (5 mL, avoiding oiling-out) were added, and cold to 0 °C. The methanol (about 20 mL) was added dropwise giving a white precipitate from the pale yellow solution. The turbid liquid was reduced in vacuo at 0 °C to remove the Et₂O, and the turbid liquid was quickly separated by filtration, washed with ice cold methanol and dried under vacuum, giving a white solid (S5).

The above white solid was dissolved by DMSO (200mL) and water (10 mL), a stir bar and Cs_2CO_3 (32 g) was added subsequently to hydrolyze **S5**. After 15 min, the solution was diluted with water, extracted by three portions of Et₂O, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* giving colorless oil in flask. A stir bar and Et₂O (5 mL, avoiding oiling-out) were added, and cold to 0 °C. The methanol (about 20 mL) was added dropwise giving a white precipitate from the colorless solution. The turbid liquid was reduced *in vacuo* at 0 °C to remove the Et₂O, and the turbid liquid was quickly separated by filtration, washed with ice cold methanol and dried under vacuum, giving a white solid (**1**, 8.63 g, 33%).

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 8.15 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.20 (m, 22H), 1.34 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 143.13 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 140.90 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 136.22 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 133.52 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 130.49 (d, J = 18.2 Hz), 129.20, 129.06 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 123.18 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 118.19, 117.04 (d, J = 12.3 Hz), 35.07, 32.00.

³¹**P** NMR (202 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -14.90 (q, J = 8.3 Hz, 1P).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₄₄H₄₄NP₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 648.2943, found 648.2927.

3) PN Photocatalyst Characterization

UV-Visible Absorption Data

In a nitrogen glove box, a 10 μ M DMSO solution of photocatalyst and 20 mg Cs₂CO₃ was added in the cuvette, then sealed with parafilm.



Supplementary Figure 1. UV-Visible Spectrum of PCN (1) anion, the maxima was obtained at 428 nm and 446 nm



Supplementary Figure 2. UV-Visible Spectrum of PBN (3) anion, the maxima was obtained at 390 nm

Emission Data

Using same batch of photocatalyst sample in the UV-vis Absorption, irradiated at 390 nm.



Supplementary Figure 3. Emission spectra of PCN (1) anion in DMSO. The maxima was obtained at 482 nm.



Supplementary Figure 4. Emission spectra of PBN (3) anion in DMSO. The maxima was obtained at 472 nm.

Cyclic Voltammogram

The oxidation/reduction potential was measured using platinum disc working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode



Supplementary Figure 5. Cyclic voltammogram of 20 mM PCN (1) anion in DMSO, using 250 mM NBu₄PF₆ as supporting electrolyte, platinum disc working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode, scan rate 100 mV/s



Supplementary Figure 6. Cyclic voltammogram of 20 mM PBN (3) anion in DMSO, using 250 mM NBu₄PF₆ as supporting electrolyte, platinum disc working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode, scan rate 100 mV/s



Supplementary Figure 7. Cyclic voltammogram of 20 mM **ArCF**₃ (5) in MeCN, using 0.25 M NBu₄PF₆ as supporting electrolyte, glass carbon working electrode, platinum disc counter electrode, scan rate 100mV/s

Determination of Triplet Excited State Potentials

According to Supplementary Figure 3 & Supplementary Figure 4, Triplet Excited State Energy of **PCN (1) & PBN (3)** anion employing the follow equation:

$$E_{0-0}^{T}(\text{PCN1}^{-} / \text{PCN1}^{-*}) = 1240/482 = 2.57 \text{ eV}$$

 $E_{0-0}^{T}(\text{PBN3}^{-} / \text{PCN3}^{-*}) = 1240/472 = 2.62 \text{ eV}$

According to Supplementary Figure 5 & Supplementary Figure 6, Ground State Redox Potential of **PCN (1) & PBN (3)** anion as follow:

$$E_{p/2}(PCN1^{'}/PCN1^{-}) = -0.69 \text{ eV}$$

 $E_{p/2}(PBN3^{'}/PBN3^{-}) = -0.66 \text{ eV}$

With data in hand, we calculated the Triplet Excited State Redox Potential PCN (1) & PBN (3) as follow:

$$E_{p/2}^{T}(PCN1^{-*}) = E_{p/2}(PCN1^{-}PCN1^{-}) - E_{0-0}^{T}(PCN1^{-}PCN1^{-*})$$

= -0.69 - 2.57 = -3.26 V
$$E_{p/2}^{T}(PBN3^{-*}) = E_{p/2}(PBN3^{-}PBN3^{-}) - E_{0-0}^{T}(PBN3^{-}PBN3^{-*})$$

= -0.66 - 2.62 = -3.28 V

4) Stern-Volmer Quenching Study



Supplementary Figure 8. Quenching of the PCN (1) anion emission in the presence of increasing amounts of ArCF₃ (5)



Supplementary Figure 9. Stern-Volmer quenching plot of ArCF₃ (5).

5) UV-Vis Absorption Spectra Analysis

In a nitrogen glove box, a 10 μ M DMSO solution of photocatalyst or ArCF substrate and 20 mg of base were added to the cuvette, which was then sealed with parafilm. For the convenience of explanation and to avoid overlap, samples "PCN + ArCF₃", "PBN + ArCF₃", and "PBN + Cs₂CO₃" were slightly diluted.



Supplementary Figure 10. UV-Visible Spectrum of PCN (1) with additive.



Supplementary Figure 11. UV-Visible Spectrum of PBN (3) with additive.

As shown in Supplementary Figure 10, when the photocatalyst **PCN** (1) was mixed with Cs_2CO_3 , the absorption spectra of **PCN** (1) exhibited a redshift and generated two absorption peaks at 427 nm and 446 nm. Individually mixing **PCN** (1) and ArCF₃ or adding ArCF₃ to the sample "PCN + Cs_2CO_3 " did not result in a redshift of the photocatalyst absorption spectra.

As shown in Supplementary Figure 11, when the photocatalyst **PBN** (3) was mixed with CsOH, the absorption spectra of **PBN** (3) exhibited a redshift and generated an absorption peak at 390 nm, indicating that Cs_2CO_3 is not strong enough to ionize **PBN** (3). Individually mixing **PBN** (3) and ArCF₃ or adding ArCF₃ to the sample "PBN + CsOH" did not result in a redshift of the photocatalyst absorption spectra.

Based on the previous discussion, we found that the photocatalyst could be ionized by a suitable base and the absorption spectra would redshift into the purple to blue range. With this redshift, the photocatalyst could be excited by photons and further initiate the photocatalytic cycle by proceeding with the single electron reduction of trifluoromethylarenes, as shown in Fig. 2.

6) Propellane Synthesis

[1.1.1]propellane, **[3.1.1]propellane**, **[4.1.1]propellane** were known compounds. **[3.1.1]propellane** was prepared according to the literature procedure⁶ without modification. **[1.1.1]propellane**⁷ and **[4.1.1]propellane**⁸ were prepared according to the literature procedures with modification which was shown as below.

Preparation of [1.1.1]propellane



According to literature⁷ with modified attempts, to an oven-dried round flask equipped with stir bar was added 1,1-dibromo-2,2-bis(chloromethyl)cyclopropane (50 g, 168.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the oxygen was replaced by nitrogen with Schlenk line techniques. Anhydrous *n*-Bu₂O (350 mL), was added at -78 °C, then PhLi (280 mL, 532 mmol, 3.15 equiv., 1.9 M in *n*-Bu₂O) was slowly added. After 15 mins, the flask was moved to 0 °C and stirred. After 2 hours, vacuum distillation was applied to the flask with receiving flask containing DMF (17 mL), condensation temperature at -78 °C with terminate pressure at 35 mbar at 30 °C to afford a solution of [1.1.1]propellane in Et₂O (from PhLi), *n*-Bu₂O and DMF (89 mL), which was stored under an inert atmosphere at -80 °C. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using mesitylene as an internal standard. The concentration of the [1.1.1]propellane solution was 2.5 M.

NOTE: We highly recommend storing the propellane solution at -80 °C when the concentration is higher than 0.7 M.

Determination of the Concentration of [1.1.1]propellane

In an 5 mm NMR tube was added 50 μ L (0.359 mmol) mesitylene and 100 μ L the [1.1.1]propellane solution and filled with appropriate amount of CDCl₃. Integration of 6 [1.1.1]propellane protons (at ~2.0) are set to 6, and the 3 aromatic protons on mesitylene are integrated at ~6.8, the concentration of propellane could be calculated as follow equation:



Supplementary Figure 12. ¹H NMR spectrum for the [1.1.1]propellane with mesitylene in CDCl₃

Preparation of [4.1.1] propellane

1-(4-Chlorobutyl)cyclopropan-1-ol (S6)

CI

$$CI$$

 OMe
 $EtMgBr, Ti(O'Pr)_4$
 $Et_2O, 0 °C$
 95%
 CI
 OH
 CI
 OH
 CI
 OH
 CI
 OH
 CI
 OH
 CI
 OH
 OH

According to literature⁹ with modified attempts, to a solution of methyl 5-chloropantanoate (86.3 mL, 600 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and $Ti(O^{i}Pr)_{4}$ (17.8 mL, 60 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) in anhydrous Et₂O (1 L) was cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of EtMgBr (500 mL, 1.5 mol, 2.5 equiv., 3.0 M in Et₂O) was added dropwise over 120 mins. The mixture was stirred for further 1 hour at 0 °C, then the mixture was slowly quenched by dropwise addition of 10% aqueous H₂SO₄. The organic layer was washed sequentially with aqueous NaHCO₃, brine,

dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **S6** (84.5 g, 568.8 mmol, 95%) as a colorless oil which was used without further purification.

The residue could be purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:Et₂O = 3:1) to afford pure **S6**.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.87 – 1.74 (m, 3H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 0.76 – 0.69 (m, 2H), 0.46 – 0.38 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.60, 45.17, 37.57, 32.57, 23.43, 13.54.

1-(4-Chlorobutyl)cyclopropyl ethanesulfonate (S7)



According to literature⁹ with modified attempts, to a solution of **S6** (84.5 g, 568.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and Et₃N (110.7 mL, 853.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in anhydrous DCM (550 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and ethanesulfonyl chloride (59.3 mL, 625.7 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise over 1 hour. The mixture was stirred for further 30 mins at 0 °C, then quenched by water. The organic layer was separated, and washed by 10% aqueous H₂SO₄, aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **S7** (134.6 g, 559.1 mmol, 98%), as a black oil which was used without further purification.

The residue could be purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:Et₂O = 10:1) to afford pure **S7**.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 3.52 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 2H), 0.74 – 0.62 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 65.90, 46.85, 44.86, 35.41, 32.10, 23.03, 11.81, 8.18.

6-Chloro-2-(chloromethyl)hex-1-ene (S8)



According to literature¹⁰ with modified attempts, to a solution of 1-(4chlorobutyl)cyclopropyl ethanesulfonate **S7** (65.0 g, 270 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous DCM (540 mL), was slowly added TiCl₄ (35.6 mL, 324 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), at 0 °C over 1hour. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 hours, the reaction was quenched by H₂O at 0 °C with vigorous stirring. The organic layer was washed by aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **S8** (33.0 g, 197.6 mmol, 73%) as a dark yellow liquid which was used without further purification.

The residue could be purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) to afford pure **S8** and **S8 BP**.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.96 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.57, 114.72, 48.20, 44.82, 32.18, 32.07, 24.53.

1,2,6-trichloro-2-methylhexane (S8-BP)



¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 3.79 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.56 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 71.17, 52.55, 44.74, 39.80, 32.40, 28.11, 21.74.

1,1-Dibromo-2-(4-chlorobutyl)-2-(chloromethyl)cyclopropane (S9)



According to literature⁸ with modified attempts, to stirred solution of **S8** (48.8g, 144 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), CHBr₃ (100 mL, 1.15 mol, 8.0 equiv.), dibenzo-18-crown-6 (2.6 g, 7.2 mmol,

0.05 equiv.), and pinacol (1.7 g, 14.4 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) in DCM (100 mL), was added ice cold 100% NaOH solution (71 mL) dropwise over 30 mins. The mixture was stirred for 6 hours at 70 °C, then cooled to room temperature and diluted with hexane and distilled water. The turbid liquid was filtered through a pad of celite to remove the precipitate. Additional water and hexane were added to the filtrate. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* affording a pale-yellow liquid. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane) to afford pure **S9** (30.4g, 89.7 mmol, 62%) as a light yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 3.77 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.75 – 1.53 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.53, 44.79, 35.35, 34.04, 33.70, 32.93, 32.39, 23.45

[4.1.1]propellane



According to literature^{6,8} with modified attempts, to an oven-dried round flask equipped with stir bar was added **S9** (4.07g, 12.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the oxygen was replaced by nitrogen with Schlenk line techniques. Anhydrous Et₂O (10 mL) and *n*-Bu₂O (13 mL) was added at -78 °C, then PhLi (22 mL, 42 mmol, 3.5 equiv., 1.9 M in *n*-Bu₂O) was slowly added. After 15 mins, the flask was moved to 30 °C and stirred. After 6 hours, vacuum distillation was applied to the flask with receiving flask condensation temperature at -78 °C with terminate pressure at 30 °C, 150 mbar to remove Et₂O. Then the remaining solution was heated up to 45 °C, and distillated by slowly reducing the applied pressure to < 10 mbar to afford a solution of [4.1.1]propellane in *n*-Bu₂O (12.3 mL) which was stored under an inert atmosphere at -20 °C. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using DCM as an internal standard. The concentration of the [4.1.1]propellane solution was 0.52 M, with yield of 54%.

Determination of the Concentration of [4.1.1] propellane

In an 5mm NMR tube was added 50 μ L (0.780 mmol) DCM and 100 μ L the [4.1.1]propellane solution and filled with appropriate amount of CDCl₃. Integration of 4 [4.1.1]propellane protons (at ~1.9) are set to 4, and the 2 protons on mesitylene are integrated at ~5.2, the concentration of propellane could be calculated as follow equation:



Supplementary Figure 13. ¹H NMR spectrum for the [4.1.1]propellane with DCM in CDCl₃

7) Reaction Optimization

To a 8 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added photocatalyst **PCN** (1) (3.3 mg, 0.005 mmol, 10 mol%), *N*-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (10.2 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), anhydrous cesium carbonate (19.5 mg, 0.060 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), γ -terpinene (40 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), anhydrous and degassed DMSO (2.0 mL) in the glovebox and stirring for 30 seconds. A solution of [1.1.1]propellane in DMF (1.2 M) (68 μ L, 1.5 equiv.) was added at last, and the vial was quickly sealed with Parafilm and PVC tape. Subsequently, the solution was allowed to stirred for 2 mins to accelerate the dissolution of cesium carbonate. The reaction was stirred and irradiated using 40 W 427 nm blue LED lamps (5 cm away, with cooling fan & air-condition at 18 °C to maintain the reaction at room temperature) for 12 hours. The reaction was quenched by exposure to air. To a separated volumetric flash, benzotrifluoride (internal standard, 365.3 mg) was dissolved in 100 mL EA and well-distributed. The solution of benzotrifluoride (0.025 M, 2 mL, 1.0 equiv.) as internal standard was added then the reaction mixture was analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR.

N-(2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (6)



¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.19, 134.71, 130.71, 126.38 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 124.70 (t, *J* = 24.2 Hz), 124.51, 124.32, 120.06 (t, *J* = 242.3 Hz), 48.37 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.82 (t, *J* = 35.1 Hz), 27.42, 24.89.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -99.06 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 252.1194, found 252.1190.

N-(2-([1,1'-Bi(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan)]-3-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (7)



¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 6H), 1.59 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.79, 138.01, 136.44 (t, *J* = 27.5 Hz), 129.01, 121.11 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 121.03, 118.98 (d, *J* = 241.7 Hz), 116.82 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 49.22, 47.23 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 44.57, 40.46 (t, *J* = 36.2 Hz), 39.60, 26.70, 24.65.

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.73 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 318.1664, found 318.1656.



Supplementary Figure 14. Evaluation of photocatalyst. Yields determined by ¹⁹F NMR.

Supplementary Table 2. Evaluation of reaction conditions. Yields determined by ¹⁹F NMR. ^{*a*} Work-up with pinacol.

ACHN F F I.0 equiv	B ₂ pin ₂ 1.5 equiv 3.0 equi	I = I + I + I + I + I + I + I + I + I + I +	AcHN F F Bpin aryl difluoromethyl bicyclopetane boronate (ADBB)
entry	deviations	ArCF ₃ Remain(%)	ADBB
1	standard condition	ons 10%	75%
2^a	B ₂ cat ₂	89%	0%
3	Me ₂ PhSi-Bpin	12%	35%
4	427 nm LEDs	27%	53%
5	440 nm LEDs	34%	28%
6	no DMAP	33%	56%
7	no base	86%	7%
8	no photocatalys	st 96%	2%
9	no light, 60 °C	100%	0%

R	F + Me + Me + Me	^{'Bu} Ph ₂ P H PPh ₂ PCN (1) Cs ₂ CO ₃ , DMSO, r.t., 12h	R	+ HF +
Substrate	Me	Blue LEDs 427nm	aryl difluoromethyl bicyclopetane (ADB)	Me ⁻
entry	Substrate	Base	Base Loading	ADB Yield
1		no Base	-	0%
2		^t BuOK	0.1 equiv.	15%
3		^t BuOK	0.2 equiv.	20%
4		^t BuOK	0.3 equiv.	24%
5		Cs ₂ CO ₃	0.1 equiv.	51%
6		Cs_2CO_3	0.3 equiv.	56%
7		Cs ₂ CO ₃	0.5 equiv.	61%
8	Ť	Cs_2CO_3	0.8 equiv.	65%
9		Cs ₂ CO ₃	1.2 equiv.	74%
10		^t BuOK + Cs ₂ CO ₃	0.1 + 0.2 equiv.	53%
11		^t BuOK + Cs ₂ CO ₃	0.1 + 0.5 equiv.	63%
12		^t BuOK + Cs ₂ CO ₃	0.1 + 1.0 equiv.	71%
13		^t BuOK + Cs ₂ CO ₃	0.1 + 1.5 equiv.	58%
14		no base	-	0%
15	F, F	Cs_2CO_3	0.1 equiv.	74%
16		Cs_2CO_3	0.3 equiv.	88%
17		Cs_2CO_3	0.5 equiv.	60%
18	IN OME	Cs_2CO_3	0.8 equiv.	77%
19		Cs_2CO_3	1.2 equiv.	84%
20		no base	-	0%
21	MeO、 🔊 🏹	Cs_2CO_3	0.1 equiv.	12%
22	ŶŶ ŀ	Cs_2CO_3	0.3 equiv.	29%
23		Cs_2CO_3	0.8 equiv.	46%
24		Cs_2CO_3	1.2 equiv.	68%

Supplementary Table 3. Illustration of the double role of base. Yields determined by ¹⁹F NMR.

Under our investigation, when the base loading was cut off, the photocatalyst could not be activated and no ADB product was generated. However, when an equivalent inorganic base was loaded, ADB was successfully generated. In some cases, combining different bases or using 0.3 equivalents of base resulted in better yields, but loading 1.2 equivalents of base provided more generality.

We observed that increasing the base loading beyond the equivalent amount of catalyst helped to increase ADB yields. We believe that during the defluorination process, hydrogen fluoride is generated, and the base is needed to protect the catalyst anion from protonation. These experiments demonstrate the dual role of the base.

8) Quantum Yield Measurement

The procedure recently described by the Knowles group¹¹ (Princeton University) based on standard chemical actinometry¹² was first followed to determine the photon flux of the apparatus used in these experiments. The actinometry data we obtained is presented below.

Preparation of Potassium Ferrioxalate Solution

A 0.15 M solution of potassium ferrioxalate was prepared by dissolving 1.84 g, $K_3Fe(C_2O_4)_3$ ·3H₂O with the 25 mL H₂SO₄ solution (0.05 M) to a round flask covered with aluminum foil.

Preparation of Developer Solution

13.6 g of NaOAc and 1g 1,10-phenantroline was dissolved in 100 mL of 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution to a round flask covered with aluminum foil.

Determination of Photon flux

A 1 cm \times 1 cm quartz cuvette was charged with 2 mL of 0.15 M aqueous $K_3Fe(C_2O_4)_3$ solution. The solution was irradiated with 405 nm LEDs with an emission slit width of 10 nm. 10 µL aliquots of the solution were taken after 0 seconds, 1 minute, 3 minutes, and 6 minutes of irradiation. This aliquot was immediately added to 5 mL of a Developer Solution, and the vial was quickly wrapped in aluminum foil. The resulting solution was allowed to rest for 1 hour to allow the ferrous ions to completely coordinate with the 1,10-phenanthroline. The absorbance of all the actinometer samples was measured at 510 nm and recorded. The UV-Vis spectra of the actinometer samples and the time-course of absorbance at 510 nm were shown in Supplementary Figure 15.



Supplementary Figure 15. (a) The UV-Vis Spectra of actinometer after irradiation of 402 nm for 0 second, 1min, 3 min, 6min. (b) Time-course of absorbance for actinometer at 510 nm

Determination of Photon Flux

The *photon flux* can be determined:

$$photon \ flux = \frac{mole \ Fe^{2+}}{\phi_{402nm} \cdot t \cdot F}$$

With number of Fe²⁺ ions produced by ferrioxalate photo-degradation calculated as follows:

mole
$$Fe^{2+} = \frac{\Delta A_{510nm} \cdot V_1 \cdot V_3}{\varepsilon_{510nm} \cdot l \cdot V_2}$$

The *photon flux* can be determined by using follow equation:

$$photon flux = \frac{\Delta A_{510nm} \cdot V_1 \cdot V_3}{\phi_{402nm} \cdot \varepsilon_{510nm} \cdot l \cdot V_2 \cdot t \cdot F} = \frac{dA}{dt} \cdot \frac{V_1 \cdot V_3}{\phi_{402nm} \cdot \varepsilon_{510nm} \cdot l \cdot V_2 \cdot t \cdot F}$$

 ΔA = difference in absorbance at 510 nm between sample and "0 second sample"

t = time of irradiation (second) $\frac{dA}{dt} = \text{slope of } A \text{ and } t$ $V_1 = \text{total volume of irradiated solution (2 mL)}$ $V_2 = \text{volume of aliquot taken from } V_1 (0.01 \text{ mL})$ $V_3 = \text{the volume that } V_2 \text{ diluted into (5 mL)}$ $\phi_{402nm} = 1.14 \text{ (reported literature value)}^{12}$ $\varepsilon_{510nm} = \text{Extinction coefficient of Fe(phen)}_3^{2+} \text{ complex at 510 nm (11,100 M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1})$ $F = \text{mean fraction of light absorbed by the ferrioxalate solution (F ~ 1 at 405 nm at 0.15 M ferrioxalate)}^{12}$

Thus, the photon flux can be calculated as follow:

photon flux =
$$1.21 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{2 \times 5}{1.14 \times 11100 \times 1 \times 0.01 \times 1} = 9.56 \times 10^{-6}$$

Reaction Setup

Two 1 cm × 1 cm quartz cuvettes each equipped with a stir bar was added photocatalyst **PCN (1)** (3.3 mg, 0.005 mmol, 10 mol%), *N*-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (10.2 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), anhydrous cesium carbonate (19.5 mg, 0.060 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), γ -terpinene (40 µL, 0.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), anhydrous and degassed DMSO (2.0 mL) in the glovebox and stirring for 30 seconds. A solution of [1.1.1]propellane in DMF (1.7 M) (44 µL, 1.5 equiv.) was added at last, and the vial was quickly sealed with Parafilm

and PVC tape. Subsequently, the solution was allowed to stirred for 2 mins to accelerate the dissolution of cesium carbonate. The reaction was stirred and irradiated using 402 nm blue LED lamps for 30min and 12 hours. The reaction was quenched by exposure to air. To a separated volumetric flash, benzotrifluoride (internal standard, 365.3 mg) was dissolved in 50 mL EA and well-distributed. The solution of benzotrifluoride (0.025 M, 1 mL, 1.0 equiv.) as internal standard was added then the reaction mixture was analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR.

The yield after 30 min reaction is 2%, the yield after 12 hours is 35%

Determination of Quantum Yield

The Quantum Yield for 30 min and 12 h irradiation can be calculated as follow:

$$\phi_{402\text{nm, 30min}} = \frac{mol \ product}{photon \ flux \cdot t \cdot F} = \frac{0.02 \times 0.05 \times 0.001}{9.56 \times 10^{-6} \times 1800 \times 1} = 5.81 \times 10^{-6} < 1$$

$$\phi_{402\text{nm, 12h}} = \frac{mol \ product}{photon \ flux \cdot t \cdot F} = \frac{0.35 \times 0.05 \times 0.001}{9.56 \times 10^{-6} \times (3600 \times 12) \times 1} = 4.24 \times 10^{-6} < 10^{-6} < 10^{-6} \times 10^{-6} \times 10^{-6} \times 10^{-6} < 10^{-6} \times 10^{-6} \times$$

The Quantum Yield of 30 min and 12 h irradiation is less than 1, which suggests that the catalytic mechanism does not involve a chain reaction^{13, 14}.

9) Reaction Scope Limitation



Supplementary Figure 16. Reaction scope limitation

Procedure A: To a 40 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added *suitable* photocatalyst PCN (1) (38.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10 mol%) or PBN (3) (21.2 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10 mol%), substituted trifluoromethylbenzene (0.60 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Cs₂CO₃ (234.6 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) or CsOH·H₂O (120.9 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), γ-terpinene (480 μL, 3.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), anhydrous and degassed DMSO (24.0 mL) in the glovebox and stirring for 30 seconds. A solution of [1.1.1]propellane in DMF (1.2 M) (744 µL, 1.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added at last, and the vial was quickly sealed with Parafilm and PVC tape. Subsequently, the solution was allowed to stirred for 2 mins to accelerate the dissolution of base. The reaction was stirred and irradiated using 40 W 427 nm blue LED lamps (5 cm away, with cooling fan & refrigeration air-condition at 18 °C to maintain the reaction at room temperature) for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was removed from the light, cooled to ambient temperature, quenched by exposure to air, diluted with water and EA, and the aqueous layer was extracted with three portions of EA. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired difluoromethyl bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes (BCP) arenes.

NOTE: if substituted trifluoromethylbenzene was existing in the form of hydrochloride, an additional 1.0 equiv. of base needed to be added.

Procedure B: To a 40 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added *suitable* photocatalyst **PCN (1)** (38.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10 mol%) or **PBN (3)** (21.2 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10 mol%), substituted trifluoromethylbenzene (0.60 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *suitable* base Cs₂CO₃ (234.6 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) or CsOH·H₂O (120.9 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), γ -terpinene (480 µL, 3.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), anhydrous and degassed DMSO (24.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere (or nitrogen bubbling) and stirring for 30 seconds. A Solution of **[3.1.1]propellane** in *n*-Bu₂O (0.54 M) (2.2 mL, 1.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added at last, and the vial was quickly sealed with Parafilm and PVC tape. Subsequently, the solution was allowed to stirred for 2 mins to accelerate the dissolution of base. The reaction was stirred and irradiated using 40 W 427 nm blue LED lamps (5 cm away, with cooling fan &

refrigeration air-condition at 18 °C to maintain the reaction at room temperature) for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was removed from the light, cooled to ambient temperature, quenched by exposure to air. diluted with water and EA, and the aqueous layer was extracted with three portions of EA. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired difluoromethyl BCP arenes.

Procedure C: To a 40 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added *suitable* photocatalyst **PCN** (1) (38.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10 mol%) or **PBN** (3) (21.2 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10 mol%), substituted trifluoromethylbenzene (0.60 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), suitable base Cs₂CO₃ (234.6 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) or CsOH·H₂O (120.9 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), γ-terpinene (480 µL, 3.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), anhydrous and degassed DMSO (24.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere (or nitrogen bubbling) and stirring for 30 seconds. A Solution of [4.1.1]propellane in *n*-Bu₂O (0.52 M) (2.3 mL, 1.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added at last, and the vial was quickly sealed with Parafilm and PVC tape. Subsequently, the solution was allowed to stirred for 2 mins to accelerate the dissolution of base. The reaction was stirred and irradiated using 40 W 427 nm blue LED lamps (5 cm away, with cooling fan & refrigeration air-condition at 18 °C to maintain the reaction at room temperature) for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was removed from the light, cooled to ambient temperature, quenched by exposure to air. diluted with water and EA, and the aqueous layer was extracted with three portions of EA. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired difluoromethyl BCP arenes.

Procedure for three-component coupling

Procedure D: To a 40 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added photocatalyst **PCN (1)** (77.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 10 mol%), substituted trifluoromethylbenzene (1.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Cs_2CO_3 (312.8 mg, 0.96 mmol, 0.8 equiv.), B_2pin_2 (917.7 mg, 3.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (439.2 mg, 3.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) anhydrous and degassed MeCN (24.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere (or nitrogen bubbling) and stirring for 30 seconds. A Solution of **[1.1.1]propellane** in DMF (2.5 M) (720 µL, 1.80 mmol, 1.5
equiv.) was added at last, and the vial was quickly sealed with Parafilm and PVC tape. Subsequently, the solution was allowed to stirred for 2 mins to accelerate the dissolution of base. The reaction was stirred and irradiated using 40 W 390 nm purple LED lamps (5 cm away, with cooling fan & refrigeration air-condition at 18 °C to maintain the reaction at room temperature) for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was removed from the light, cooled to ambient temperature, quenched by exposure to air. diluted with water and EA, and the aqueous layer was extracted with three portions of EA. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired difluoromethyl BCP boronates.

Procedure E: To a 40 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added photocatalyst PCN (1) (77.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 10 mol%), substituted trifluoromethylbenzene (1.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Cs₂CO₃ (312.8 mg, 0.96 mmol, 0.8 equiv.), B₂pin₂ (3.047 g, 12.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv.), anhydrous and degassed MeCN (24.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere (or nitrogen bubbling) and stirring for 30 seconds. A Solution of [3.1.1]propellane in *n*-Bu₂O (0.54 M) (3.3 mL, 1.80 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) or [4.1.1]propellane in *n*-Bu₂O (0.52 M) (3.5 mL, 1.80 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added at last, and the vial was quickly sealed with Parafilm and PVC tape. Subsequently, the solution was allowed to stirred for 2 mins to accelerate the dissolution of base. The reaction was stirred and irradiated using 40 W 390 nm purple LED lamps (5 cm away, with cooling fan & refrigeration air-condition at 18 °C to maintain the reaction at room temperature) for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was removed from the light, cooled to ambient temperature, quenched by exposure to air. diluted with water and EA, and the aqueous layer was extracted with three portions of EA. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired difluoromethyl BCP boronates.

Suggestion for Reaction Duplication:

1. Make sure the deoxygenation process is complete.

2. The propellane solution should be transparent and added last. The irradiation should be given as soon as possible.

3. The reaction time should be controlled; otherwise, the product may undergo further defluorination.

4. For substrates with acidic hydrogen, try PCN (1) with Cs₂CO₃ first; for substrates without acidic hydrogen, try PBN (3) with CsOH·H₂O first.

5. After accessed the pure product, stored at -20° C to prevent oxidation.

6. The quality and concentration of propellane play a pivotal role in the reaction, so try a higher concentration and suitable propellane solvents.

11) Experimental Data

N- (2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (6)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 3:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (98.8 mg, 65% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.19, 134.71, 130.71, 126.38 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 124.70 (t, *J* = 24.2 Hz), 124.51, 124.32, 120.06 (t, *J* = 242.3 Hz), 48.37 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.82 (t, *J* = 35.1 Hz), 27.42, 24.89.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -99.06 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 252.1194, found 252.1190.

N- (3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (12)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 2:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (82.0 mg, 54% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 169.21, 138.77, 136.42 (t, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 129.26, 121.25, 121.11 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 118.89 (t, *J* = 242.0 Hz), 116.88 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 48.43 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.37 (t, *J* = 36.1 Hz), 27.87, 24.67.

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -103.70 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 252.1194, found 252.1188.

N- (4-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (13)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 1:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (98.0 mg, 65% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR** (**100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 168.54, 139.10, 131.31 (t, *J* = 27.3 Hz), 126.21 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 119.33, 118.58 (t, *J* = 242.2 Hz), 48.20 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.34 (t, *J* = 36.7 Hz), 27.66, 24.79.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.28 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 252.1194, found 252.1188.

3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-*N***-phenylaniline (14)**



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 30:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (82.7 mg, 48% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 7.00 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 1.85 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.32, 142.70, 136.79 (t, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 129.58, 129.37, 121.70, 118.59 (d, *J* = 243.0 Hz), 118.43 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 118.34, 117.77 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 114.34 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 48.27 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 46.31, 27.57 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.76 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{18}H_{18}F_2N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 286.1402, found 286.1398.

3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylaniline (15)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:DCM = 30:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (59.8 mg, 42% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.71 (m, 3H), 2.97 (s, 6H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.85 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.39, 136.24 (t, J = 26.3 Hz), 128.98, 119.00 (t, J = 242.3 Hz), 113.50 (t, J = 6.2 Hz), 113.46 (t, J = 1.4 Hz), 109.20 (t, J = 6.5 Hz), 48.29 (t, J = 3.7 Hz), 46.44 (t, J = 36.7 Hz), 40.67, 27.38 (t, J = 2.2 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.63 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{18}F_2N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 238.1402, found 238.1398.

3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)aniline (16)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs₂CO₃ as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:DCM = 3:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (72.5 mg, 53% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.17 (t, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.29, 136.55, 129.27, 118.71 (t, *J* = 242.2 Hz), 116.12 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 115.58 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 111.74 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 48.17 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.20 (t, *J* = 36.4 Hz), 27.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.86 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_{14}F_2N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 210.1089, found 210.1084.

1-(Difluoro(3-methoxyphenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (17)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN** (3) and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (74.0 mg, 55% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.52, 136.97 (t, J = 27.0 Hz), 129.45, 118.52 (t, J = 242.5 Hz), 117.70 (t, J = 6.1 Hz), 115.12 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 111.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz), 55.44, 48.23 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 46.27 (t, J = 36.3 Hz), 27.52 (t, J = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.67 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{14}F_2O^+$ ([M]⁺): 224.1007, found 224.1005.

1-(Difluoro(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (18)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (47.1 mg, 35% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.51, 127.84 (t, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 126.75, 118.87 (t, *J* = 242.0 Hz), 113.62, 55.42, 48.20 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.52 (t, *J* = 37.2 Hz), 27.61 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.49 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{14}F_2O^+$ ([M]⁺): 224.1007, found 224.1008.

1-(Difluoro(4-phenoxyphenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (19)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (86.9 mg, 51% yield) as a colorless needle-like crystal.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 1.62 (s, 6H), 1.62 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 158.64, 156.55, 130.25 (t, *J* = 34.6 Hz), 130.03, 127.01 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 124.02, 119.63, 117.99 (t, *J* = 245.9 Hz), 117.94, 49.26, 47.23 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 44.64, 40.63 (t, *J* = 36.9 Hz), 39.67 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 26.74.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.63 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{18}H_{16}F_2O^+$ ([M]⁺): 268.1164, found 286.1164.

1-(Difluoro(m-tolyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (20)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN** (3) and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (37.6 mg, 30% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.01, 135.46 (t, *J* = 26.6 Hz), 130.32 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 128.18, 125.82 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 122.47 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 118.75 (t, *J* = 241.8 Hz), 48.22 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 46.37 (t, *J* = 36.5 Hz), 27.60 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 21.62.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.61 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{13}F_2^+$ ([M-H]⁺): 207.0980, found 207.0979.

1-(Difluoro(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (21)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (76.0 mg, 48% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 1.85 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.95 (td, *J* = 27.8, 1.9 Hz), 131.57, 129.79, 129.11 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 127.65, 127.28 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 121.66 (q, *J* = 273.5, 272.9 Hz), 118.54 (t, *J* = 244.4 Hz), 48.76 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 46.62 (t, *J* = 35.3 Hz), 27.10.

¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -57.91 (t, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 3F), -97.70 (q, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{10}F_5^+$ ([M-H]⁺): 261.0697, found 261.0697.

1-(Difluoro(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (22)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN** (3) and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (67.6 mg, 43% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 136.59 (t, J = 27.8 Hz), 131.00 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 129.00 (t, J = 12.6 Hz), 128.80 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 126.54 (dt, J = 5.3, 1.4 Hz), 123.94 (q, J = 272.3 Hz), 122.48 – 122.14 (m), 118.03 (t, J = 243.0 Hz), 48.16 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 46.05 (t, J = 35.7 Hz), 27.80 (t, J = 2.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.79 (s, 3F), -104.10 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{10}F_5^+$ ([M-H]⁺): 261.0697, found 261.0699.

(3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanol (23)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 5:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (70.1 mg, 52% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.40 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 141.09, 135.84 (t, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 128.55, 128.09, 124.63 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 123.66 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 118.63 (t, *J* = 242.3 Hz), 65.04, 48.19 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 46.27 (t, *J* = 36.3 Hz), 27.63 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.51 (s, 2F).

HRMS (APCI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{13}F_2^+$ ([M-H₂O+H]⁺): 207.0985, found 207.0991.

2-(2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-ol (24)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 5:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (53.0 mg, 35% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (td, *J* = 6.9, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.12 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 133.67 (t, J = 25.1 Hz), 131.79, 129.61, 126.96 (t, J = 8.5 Hz), 126.44, 120.12 (t, J = 243.4 Hz), 64.87 – 63.89 (m), 48.50 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 46.70 (t, J = 35.9 Hz), 37.35 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 27.44 (t, J = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -97.50 (s, 2F).

HRMS (APCI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{15}F_2^+$ ([M-H₂O+H]⁺): 221.1142, found 221.1145.

2-(3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-ol (25)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs₂CO₃ as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 5:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (46.0 mg, 32% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.75, 135.76 (t, J = 26.9 Hz), 130.30 (t, J = 1.8 Hz), 128.52, 125.82 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 123.52 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 118.64 (t, J = 242.3 Hz), 63.65, 48.17 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 46.27 (t, J = 36.4 Hz), 39.20, 27.61 (t, J = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.60 (s, 2F).

HRMS (APCI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{15}F_2^+$ ([M-H₂O+H]⁺): 221.1142, found 221.1138.

3-(3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol (26)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 6:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (54.8 mg, 36% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.89 (p, *J* = 7.8, 7.3, 6.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.98, 135.55 (t, J = 26.7 Hz), 129.94 – 129.35 (m), 128.35, 125.23 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 122.92 (t, J = 6.1 Hz), 118.74 (t, J = 242.2 Hz), 62.20, 48.16 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 46.32 (t, J = 36.4 Hz), 34.26, 32.10, 27.59 (t, J = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.72 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₇FO⁺ ([M-HF-H]⁺): 232.1258, found 232.1258.

1-(Difluoro(2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (27)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (108.3 mg, 74% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.02 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.48 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 153.85 (dt, J = 244.6, 3.9 Hz), 123.34 (td, J = 27.6, 14.8 Hz), 117.54 (td, J = 243.6, 2.7 Hz), 117.22 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 116.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 112.26 (td, J = 7.9, 3.0 Hz), 55.94, 48.55 (td, J = 3.8, 1.5 Hz), 45.89 (t, J = 35.0 Hz), 27.62 – 26.34 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.09 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 2F), -124.68 (tdt, J = 15.0, 9.7, 4.7 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₃F₃O⁺ ([M]⁺): 242.0913, found 242.0912.

ethyl 3-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4carboxylate (28)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (139.3 mg, 86% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) 7.87 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H)..

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.52, 146.36 (t, *J* = 32.2 Hz), 135.98, 115.42 (t, *J* = 240.1 Hz), 113.14, 60.45, 48.95 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 45.81 (t, *J* = 34.0 Hz), 39.56, 27.32 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 14.26.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -99.18 (s, 3F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{17}F_2N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 271.1253, found 271.1238.

(2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-6-fluorophenyl)methanamine (29)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 4:2:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (79.3 mg, 55% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 7.29 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 162.37 (d, J = 244.6 Hz), 135.15 (td, J = 25.7, 4.0 Hz),
128.53 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 122.65 (td, J = 8.8, 3.6 Hz), 120.02 (td, J = 243.9, 2.5 Hz), 117.20 (d, J = 23.3 Hz), 48.69 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 46.59 (t, J = 35.5 Hz), 37.83, 27.74.

¹⁹**F** NMR (471 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -97.11 (s, 2F), -118.83 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{15}F_3N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 242.1151, found 242.1147.

2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)pyridine (30)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 15:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (84.9 mg, 73% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 1.89 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 154.01 (t, *J* = 28.8 Hz), 149.71, 137.11, 124.77, 120.51 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 116.95 (t, *J* = 242.0 Hz), 48.91 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 45.71 (t, *J* = 34.2 Hz), 28.15 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -106.80 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{11}H_{12}F_2N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 196.0932, found 196.0929.

4-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)pyridine (31)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 10:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (58.6 mg, 50% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.71 – 8.66 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.17, 143.58 (t, *J* = 28.5 Hz), 119.94 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 117.31 (t, *J* = 242.8 Hz), 48.10 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 45.54 (t, *J* = 34.8 Hz), 27.80 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -106.56 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{11}H_{12}F_2N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 196.0932, found 196.0929.

3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-2-fluoroaniline (32)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:DCM = 3:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (72.5 mg, 53% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (td, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (td, *J* = 7.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 148.36 (dt, J = 244.9, 3.9 Hz), 135.30 (d, J = 12.8 Hz), 123.98 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 122.88 (td, J = 27.5, 10.7 Hz), 118.50 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 117.90 (td, J = 243.1, 1.8 Hz), 116.09 (td, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz), 48.51 (td, J = 3.3, 1.3 Hz), 45.99 (t, J = 35.1 Hz), 27.01 (d, J = 1.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.61 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 2F), -136.90 (tt, J = 15.3, 7.3 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_{13}F_3N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 228.0995, found 288.0990.

3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-2-methoxypyridine (33)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 30:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (83.2 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.21 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 1H), 1.86 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.09, 176.55 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 164.34 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 146.19 (t, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 145.83 (t, *J* = 242.8 Hz), 144.44, 81.58, 77.16 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 74.04 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 54.97 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.62 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_{14}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 226.1038, found 226.1032.

3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-2-methoxypyridine (34)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 7:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (78.7 mg, 62% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.31, 152.03 (t, J = 28.3 Hz), 138.24, 116.54 (t, J = 242.3 Hz), 110.08 (t, J = 5.0 Hz), 109.60 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 48.64 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 45.48 (t, J = 34.7 Hz), 27.57 (t, J = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -107.40 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{11}H_{13}F_2N_2$ + ([M+H]⁺): 211.1041, found 211.1036.

(2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)methanol (35)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 3:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (114.2 mg, 85% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.50 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.17 (t, J = 28.5 Hz), 175.78, 165.32, 163.87, 153.16, 146.68 (t, J = 242.7 Hz), 89.11 (t, J = 7.7 Hz), 77.16 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 73.93 (t, J = 34.0 Hz), 56.42 (t, J = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.24 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_{14}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 226.1038, found 226.1034.

tert-Butyl 4-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (36)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:DCM = 30:1) on silica gel to afford the title

compound (144.4 mg, 72% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 1H), 1.81 (s, 6H), 1.68 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.70, 135.73, 127.70 (t, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 127.52 (t, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 126.49, 123.82, 119.96 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 119.63 (t, *J* = 242.7 Hz), 116.54, 107.00 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 84.11, 48.46 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.71 (t, *J* = 36.2 Hz), 28.30, 27.17 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.67 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{22}F_2NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 334.1613, found 334.1620.

tert-Butyl 5-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (37)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs₂CO₃ as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:DCM = 30:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (138.6 mg, 69% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 0H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H), 1.68 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.72, 130.24, 129.97 (d, *J* = 27.1 Hz), 126.92, 121.53 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 119.22 (t, *J* = 242.4 Hz), 118.03 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 114.92, 107.57, 84.19, 48.23 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.63 (t, *J* = 36.9 Hz), 28.30, 27.60 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.33 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{22}F_2NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 334.1613, found 334.1611.

tert-Butyl 6-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (38)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 30:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (102.1 mg, 51% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.85 (s, 6H), 1.68 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.67, 134.68, 132.00 – 130.91 (m), 127.37, 120.72, 119.90 (t, J = 5.9 Hz), 121.93 – 116.59 (m), 112.58 (t, J = 7.2 Hz), 107.10, 84.21, 48.28 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 46.60 (t, J = 36.9 Hz), 28.30, 27.60 (t, J = 1.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.99 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{22}F_2NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 334.1613, found 344.1610.

tert-Butyl 7-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (39)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (108.1 mg, 54% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 6H), 1.61 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.47, 133.05, 131.44, 129.24, 124.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz), 124.06 (t, J = 28.4 Hz), 122.46 (t, J = 1.6 Hz), 122.27, 119.75 (t, J = 241.5 Hz), 106.62, 83.58, 49.84, 46.91 (t, J = 36.0 Hz), 27.92, 26.98 (t, J = 1.8 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -90.16 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{22}F_2NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 334.1613, found 344.1609.

(±) 1-(1,2,2,2-Tetrafluoro-1-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (40)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (123.3 mg, 61% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 2.56 (s, 1H), 1.94 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.24, 156.46, 130.04, 127.78 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 126.86 (dq, *J* = 10.5, 1.9 Hz), 124.07, 123.47 (dq, *J* = 286.0, 29.9 Hz), 119.72, 117.97 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 92.72 (dq, *J* = 184.7, 30.7 Hz), 49.55 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 44.85 (d, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 27.97.

¹⁹**F** NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 3F), -172.73 (q, J = 8.2 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}F_4O^+$ ([M]⁺): 336.1132, found 336.1133.

1-(Difluoro(3-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (41)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (124.9 mg, 71% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.87, 138.04 (t, J = 27.7 Hz), 132.20 (d, J = 32.9 Hz), 123.59 (q, J = 273.0 Hz), 117.88 (t, J = 243.0 Hz), 114.72 (t, J = 5.8 Hz), 114.66 - 114.32 (m), 111.92 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 55.85, 48.20, 45.96 (t, J = 35.8 Hz), 27.67 (t, J = 1.8 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.81 (s, 3F), -103.90 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{13}F_5O^+([M]^+)$: 292.0881, found 2292.0883.

1-(Difluoro(3-phenoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (42)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (95.5 mg, 40% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.23, 155.82, 138.51 (t, *J* = 28.1 Hz), 132.58 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 130.36, 124.81, 123.49 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 119.68, 118.60 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 117.67 (t, *J* = 243.5 Hz), 116.52 (td, *J* = 6.2, 3.9 Hz), 116.21 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 48.18 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.89 (t, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 27.76 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.80 (s, 3F), -103.87 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{15}F_5O^+$ ([M]⁺): 354.1038, found 354.1034.

(3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanol (43)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 7:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (90.8 mg, 52% yield) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 2.55 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.35, 136.86 (t, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 131.22 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 126.74 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 124.66 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.0 Hz), 123.84 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz), 121.45 (td, *J* = 6.3, 3.6 Hz), 118.01 (t, *J* = 243.0 Hz), 64.20, 48.12 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.92 (t, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 27.77 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.72 (s, 3F), -103.71 (s, 2F).

HRMS (APCI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{12}F_5^+$ ([M-H₂O+H]⁺): 275.0854, found 275.0856.

3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (44)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 15:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (101.9 mg, 61% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 6.96 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 147.75, 137.84 (t, *J* = 27.5 Hz), 131.97 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 124.39 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 118.51 (t, *J* = 242.6 Hz), 114.84 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 112.49, 112.25 - 111.54 (m), 48.42, 46.17, 27.86.

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -63.35 (s, 3F), -104.26 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{13}F_5N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 278.0963, found 278.0959.

2-(3-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (45)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 10:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (112.0 mg, 48% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H), 1.36 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.89 (t, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 134.68 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 132.71 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 130.39 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 124.87 (tq, *J* = 6.2, 3.5 Hz), 124.06 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 118.12 (t, *J* = 243.0 Hz), 84.70, 48.22 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.09 (t, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 27.79 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 24.99.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.66 (s, 3F), -103.69 (s, 2F).

MS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{22}BF_5O_2+([M]^+)$: 388.1628, found 388.12.

1-((3-(2-chloroethoxy)-5

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)difluoromethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (46)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs₂CO₃ as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (105.1 mg, 51% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.53, 138.30 (t, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 132.38 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 123.61 (d, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 117.79 (d, *J* = 242.7 Hz), 115.77 – 114.45 (m), 112.80 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 68.66, 48.21 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.92 (t, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 41.70, 27.71 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.84 (s, 3F), -103.85 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{15}H_{14}ClF_5O^+$ ([M]⁺): 340.0648, found 340.0631.

1-(3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,5dimethyl-1H-pyrrole (47)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (68.2 mg, 32% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 2.59 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 6H), 1.86 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 139.98, 138.03 (t, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 132.14 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 128.76, 128.74 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 126.35 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.37 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 121.37 (tt,

J = 7.1, 3.7 Hz), 117.59 (t, *J* = 243.8 Hz), 107.08, 48.18 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.94 (t, *J* = 35.5 Hz), 27.91 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 13.16.

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.72 (s, 3F), -104.18 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{18}F_5N^+$ ([M]⁺): 355.1354, found 355.1351.

1-((3-(but-3-en-1-yloxy)-5-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)difluoromethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (48)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (118.4 mg, 59% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 5.91 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (qd, *J* = 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 159.23, 138.05 (t, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 134.01, 132.18 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 123.77 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 117.90 (t, *J* = 243.3 Hz), 117.66, 115.14 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 114.48 (tq, *J* = 6.2, 2.9 Hz), 112.63 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 67.94, 48.21 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 45.99 (t, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 33.57, 27.67 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.85 (s, 3F), -103.90 (s, 2F).

MS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{17}F_5O^+$ ([M]⁺): 332.1194, found 332.08.

1-((3-(but-3-yn-1-yloxy)-5-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)difluoromethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (49)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (94.2 mg, 48% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (td, *J* = 6.8, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 1H), 2.07 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.77, 138.17 (t, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 132.28 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 123.67 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz), 117.83 (t, *J* = 243.3 Hz), 115.21 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 114.92 (tq, *J* = 6.2, 3.8 Hz), 112.75 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 79.99, 70.42, 66.66, 48.21 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.95 (t, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 27.69 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 19.61.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.85 (s, 3F), -103.87 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{15}F_5O^+$ ([M]⁺): 330.1038, found 330.1018.

1-Benzhydryl-3-(3-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)azetidine (50)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 7:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (93.5 mg, 32% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 18.7 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (p, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 1H), 1.76 (s, 5H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.46, 141.81, 138.27 (t, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 132.34 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.73, 127.54, 123.59 (d, *J* = 272.3 Hz), 118.94 (d, *J* = 243.4 Hz), 115.34 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 114.96 (dt, *J* = 9.8, 5.2 Hz), 112.59 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 78.46, 66.83, 60.30, 48.17 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 45.89 (t, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 27.68 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.83 (s, 3F), -103.87 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₉H₂₇F₅NO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 500.2007, found 500.1996.

4-(3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (51)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 5:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (158.4 mg, 61% yield) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 4.58 (tt, *J* = 11.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (s, 6H), 1.62 (t, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H), 1.14 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 158.02, 138.05 (t, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 132.24 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 123.75 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz), 117.85 (t, *J* = 243.2 Hz), 115.86 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 114.18 (tq, *J* = 7.8, 4.0 Hz), 113.85 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 70.89, 55.51, 48.20 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 46.02, 33.07, 28.19, 27.70, 21.20.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.91 (s, 3F), -104.03 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{23}H_{31}F_5NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 432.2320, found 432.2307.

(3aR,5aS,8aS,8bS)-5-((3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)methyl)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5*H*bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran (52)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 6:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (178.6 mg, 57% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 5.57 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.14 (m, 3H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 158.98, 138.02 (t, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 132.11 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 123.71 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz), 117.85 (t, *J* = 243.4 Hz), 115.41 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 112.90 (q, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 109.78, 108.98, 96.50, 71.06, 70.80, 70.68, 67.46, 66.37, 48.19 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 45.94 (t, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 27.64, 26.16, 26.10, 25.01, 24.53.

¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -62.83 (s, 3F), -103.83 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{25}H_{29}F_5O_6^+$ ([M]⁺): 520.1879, found 520.1877.

1-(Difluoro(4-(4-fluoro-3-methylphenoxy)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (53)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (84.0 mg, 44% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.17 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 156.75, 151.72 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 129.90 (t, J = 27.5 Hz), 127.00 (t, J = 6.1 Hz), 126.63 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 122.75 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 118.67 (t, J = 242.2 Hz), 118.53 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 117.31, 116.07 (d, J = 24.3 Hz), 48.21 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 46.39 (t, J = 36.8 Hz), 27.66 (t, J = 2.1 Hz), 14.84 (d, J = 3.3 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.60 (s, 2F), -123.13 – -123.39 (m, 1F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}F_3O^+$ ([M]⁺): 318.1226, found 318.1225.

5-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-*N*-(5-methoxypyridin-2-yl)pyridin-2amine (54)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 2:1:0.2) on silica gel to afford the title compound (113.1 mg, 59% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.49, 154.62, 153.76, 145.25 – 142.52 (m), 135.71, 125.16 (t, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 117.92 (t, *J* = 242.7 Hz), 112.86, 106.66, 96.82, 56.40, 48.11 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 46.17 (t, *J* = 36.3 Hz), 27.88.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.34 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{18}F_2N_3O + ([M+H]^+)$: 318.1412, found 318.1406.

tert-Butyl 4-(4-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)benzyl)piperazine-1carboxylate (55)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs₂CO₃ as suitable reagents.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA: $Et_3N = 3:1:0.2$) on silica gel to afford the title compound (98.7 mg, 42% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 3.44 (s, 4H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 4H), 1.81 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.83, 139.01, 134.54 (t, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 129.01, 125.33 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 118.65 (t, *J* = 242.1 Hz), 79.77, 62.60, 52.93, 48.15 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 46.26 (t, *J* = 36.4 Hz), 44.59 – 42.69 (m), 28.51, 27.61.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.35 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{22}H_{31}F_2N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 393.2348, found 393.2342.

(±)-3-(4-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenoxy)-*N*-methyl-3phenylpropan-1-amine (56)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 3:1:0.3) on silica gel to afford the title compound (69.0 mg, 32% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.00 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 1H), 1.78 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 128.99, 128.89, 128.14, 127.93, 126.70, 126.65, 125.96, 125.87, 118.66 (t, *J* = 272.1 Hz), 115.57, 115.51, 53.52, 48.21, 47.29, 36.65, 29.85, 27.59, 22.83.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.28 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{22}H_{26}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 358.1977, found 358.1972.

(R)-3-(3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)-*N*-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)propan-1-amine (57)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 10:1:1.7) on silica gel to afford the title compound (136.8 mg, 56% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.70 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.56 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 1H), 1.88 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (s, 6H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.06, 136.03 – 135.14 (m), 134.12, 131.37, 129.61, 129.19, 128.29, 127.61, 126.11, 125.89, 125.57, 125.18 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 123.05, 122.94, 122.86 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 118.72, 53.80, 48.19 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 47.26 (t, *J* = 95.6 Hz), 33.63, 32.07, 29.85, 27.58, 23.43.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.74 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{27}H_{30}F_2N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 406.2341, found 406.2332.

3-(2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-10*H*-phenothiazin-10-yl)-*N*,*N*dimethylpropan-1-amine (58)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 10:1:1.7) on silica gel to afford the title compound (175.9 mg, 73% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 1.97 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.21, 145.01, 134.82 (t, *J* = 27.2 Hz), 127.66, 127.64, 127.26, 127.16, 124.78, 122.96, 119.57 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 118.58 (d, *J* = 242.7 Hz), 115.94, 112.34 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 57.10, 48.24 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 46.27 (t, *J* = 36.5 Hz), 45.57, 45.43, 29.84, 27.59, 24.91.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.49 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{23}H_{27}F_2N_2S^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 401.1858, found 401.1847.

N-(2-(Bicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (59)



Following the **Procedure B** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 3:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (109.4 mg, 65% yield) as a pale yellow solid. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.13 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.43 – 1.34 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.19, 134.86, 130.42, 127.60 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 124.90 (t, *J* = 24.7 Hz), 124.87 (t, *J* = 244.1 Hz), 124.46, 124.21, 48.13 (t, *J* = 28.8 Hz), 32.32 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 29.32, 28.17 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 28.00, 24.92, 15.93.

¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.44 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{16}H_{20}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 280.1507, found 280.1501.

1-(Difluoro(2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl)methyl)bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane (60)



Following the **Procedure B** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (112.3 mg, 75% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.04 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.66 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.25 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 153.71 (dt, J = 244.6, 3.7 Hz), 123.39 (td, J = 28.3, 14.5 Hz), 122.03 (td, J = 244.6, 2.9 Hz), 117.23 (d, J = 24.5 Hz), 116.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 113.31 (td, J = 8.3, 3.2 Hz), 55.93, 48.05 (t, J = 28.6 Hz), 32.09 (td, J = 3.9, 2.6 Hz), 28.95 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 28.54 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 28.32, 16.06.
¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -105.28 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2F), -123.13 (dh, *J* = 15.9, 5.0 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{15}H_{17}F_3O^+$ ([M]⁺): 270.1226, found 270.1226.

1-(Difluoro(3-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane (61)



Following the **Procedure B** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (108.4 mg, 56% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.36 – 2.24 (m, 3H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 5H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.43 – 1.35 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 159.75, 138.28 (t, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 131.98 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 123.81 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 121.93 (t, *J* = 244.2 Hz), 115.36 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 114.98 (tq, *J* = 7.9, 4.0 Hz), 111.63 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 55.79, 47.71 (t, *J* = 28.9 Hz), 31.78 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 28.95, 28.58 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 28.38, 15.98.

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.80 (s, 3F), -107.20 (s, 2F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{16}H_{17}F_5O^+([M]^+)$: 320.1194, found 320.1196.

3-(Bicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (62)



Following the **Procedure B** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 15:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (147.1 mg, 80% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.35 – 2.21 (m, 3H), 1.74 (s, 4H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.41 – 1.35 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 146.83, 137.84 (t, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 131.72 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 124.00 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 122.16 (t, *J* = 243.9 Hz), 115.39 – 114.84 (m), 112.46 (tq, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz), 112.21 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 47.67 (t, *J* = 29.0 Hz), 31.77 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 28.92, 28.56 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 28.36, 15.95.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.97 (s, 3F), -107.23 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{15}H_{17}F_5N^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 306.1276, found 306.1270.

3-(2-(Bicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-1-yldifluoromethyl)-10*H*-phenothiazin-10-yl)-*N*,*N*dimethylpropan-1-amine (63)



Following the **Procedure B** using **PBN** (3) and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 10:1:1.7) on silica gel to afford the title compound (175.9 mg, 73% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 30.9, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.01, 144.95, 135.84 – 134.69 (m), 127.63, 127.60, 127.01, 126.86, 124.74, 122.91, 120.45, 120.01 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 115.88, 112.85 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 57.09, 46.97, 45.39, 43.41 (t, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 42.55, 32.15, 31.13 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 28.84 (d, *J* = 62.4 Hz), 28.80 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 24.84, 16.79.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -106.68 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{25}H_{31}F_2N_2S^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 429.2171, found 429.2160.

N-(2-(Bicyclo[4.1.1]octan-1-yldifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (64)



Following the **Procedure C** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 3:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (106.9 mg, 56% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (dq, *J* = 12.9, 5.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.69 (h, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 4H), 1.58 (ddt, *J* = 21.4, 9.8, 2.7 Hz, 4H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.25, 135.19, 130.48, 127.86 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 126.04, 125.14 (t, *J* = 240.8 Hz), 124.49, 124.19, 48.16 (t, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 31.17, 30.36, 29.38 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 28.37, 25.05, 24.97, 24.52.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{22}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 294.1664, found 294.1661.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -100.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2F).

1-(Difluoro(2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl)methyl)bicyclo[4.1.1]octane (65)



Following the **Procedure C** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (90.6 mg, 53% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.89 (td, *J* = 8.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.36 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.21 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 153.65 (dt, J = 244.6, 3.7 Hz), 123.69 (td, J = 28.6, 14.5 Hz), 122.95 (td, J = 246.0, 3.0 Hz), 117.29 (d, J = 24.8 Hz), 116.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 113.62 (td, J = 8.2, 3.3 Hz), 55.95, 47.82 (t, J = 26.7 Hz), 31.57 (t, J = 2.6 Hz), 30.62, 29.56 – 28.74 (m), 28.06 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 25.05, 24.69.

¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -104.80 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 2F), -122.31 (dh, *J* = 15.0, 4.9 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for $C_{16}H_{19}F_3NaO^+$ ([M]⁺): 284.1383, found 284.1384.

2-(Bicyclo[4.1.1]octan-1-yl)difluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)methanol (66)



Following the **Procedure C** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 3:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (98.3 mg, 62% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 2.96 (s, 1H), 2.61 (td, *J* = 9.2, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.44 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.61 – 1.45 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.70 (t, *J* = 31.1 Hz), 146.78, 136.63, 136.08, 124.32, 124.06 (t, *J* = 244.1 Hz), 60.97 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 47.67 (t, *J* = 25.1 Hz), 31.26 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 30.63, 29.72 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 28.93, 25.04, 24.87.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.02 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{15}H_{20}F_2NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 268.1507, found 268.1499.

5-(Bicyclo[4.1.1]octan-1-yl)difluoromethyl)-*N*-(5-methoxypyridin-2-yl)pyridin-2amine (67)



Following the **Procedure C** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 2:1:0.2) on silica gel to afford the title compound (76.3 mg, 35% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.36 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 6.47 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.58 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 4H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 4H), 1.38 (s, 2H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 169.91, 167.89, 155.18, 154.96, 146.76, 145.01 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 124.31 (t, *J* = 28.9 Hz), 123.07 (t, *J* = 244.9 Hz), 111.36, 105.39, 96.72, 55.50, 47.51 (t, *J* = 27.3 Hz), 31.57, 30.52, 28.65 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 28.10, 24.96, 24.61.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -106.11 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{24}F_2N_3O^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 360.1882, found 360.1870.

3-(2-(Bicyclo[4.1.1]octan-1-yl)difluoromethyl)-10*H*-phenothiazin-10-yl)-*N*,*N*dimethylpropan-1-amine (68)



Following the **Procedure C** using **PBN (3)** and CsOH·H₂O as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 10:1:1.7) on silica gel to afford the title compound (55.5 mg, 21% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.13 (s, 2H), 2.68 (s, 6H), 2.64 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 4H), 1.65 (s, 4H), 1.31 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.62, 144.15, 137.32, 137.22, 135.84, 128.05, 128.01, 127.46, 123.81 (t, *J* = 242.6 Hz), 120.84, 116.47, 55.82, 44.30, 43.07, 31.68, 30.51, 28.90, 28.16, 24.97, 24.61, 21.76, 13.50.Z

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.70 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{26}H_{33}F_2N_2S^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 443.2327, found 443.2318.

N-(2-(Difluoro(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)acetamide (69)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 4:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (286.8 mg, 63% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.31, 134.43, 130.67, 126.47 (t, J = 8.2 Hz), 124.89, 124.48, 124.13, 119.74 (d, J = 244.9 Hz), 83.81, 49.17 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 48.85, 46.06, 45.23, 24.82.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -99.14 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2F).

¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.03 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{29}BF_2NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 378.2047, found 378.2033.

2-(3-(Difluoro(3-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (70)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (275.0 mg, 55% yield) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 6H), 1.21 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.90, 137.88 (t, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 132.18 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 123.81 (q, *J* = 273.5 Hz), 117.42 (t, *J* = 220.4 Hz), 114.59.

¹⁹F NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.89 (s, 3F), -105.75 (s, 2F).

¹¹**B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 30.27 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{24}BF_5O_3^+$ (M⁺): 418.1733, found 418.1722.

3-(Difluoro(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yl)methyl)-2-methoxypyridine (71)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 7:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (263.7 mg, 62% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.94 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 148.32, 136.17 (t, J = 7.9 Hz), 117.83 (t, J = 27.5 Hz), 117.29 (t, J = 243.2 Hz), 116.21, 83.62, 53.41, 49.81 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 49.51 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 46.05 (t, J = 34.8 Hz), 24.80.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.29 (s, 2F).

¹¹**B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 30.44 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{18}H_{25}BF_2NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 352.1890, found 352.1878.

6-(Difluoro(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yl)methyl)pyridin-2-amine (72)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 7:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (247.3 mg, 61% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.21 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.10, 152.07, 138.26, 116.04, 110.37 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 109.48, 83.64, 49.50 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 49.18 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 45.73 (t, *J* = 34.1 Hz), 24.84.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.09 (s, 2F).

¹¹**B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 30.06 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{24}BF_2N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 337.1893, found 337.1879.

tert-Butyl 5-(difluoro(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (73)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:DCM = 20:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (273.3 mg, 50% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 6H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.21 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.60, 134.69, 131.46, 131.28 (t, *J* = 26.6 Hz), 127.26, 120.63, 119.83 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 118.81 (t, *J* = 243.2 Hz), 112.62 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 107.05, 84.11, 83.59, 49.06 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 48.28 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 46.76 (t, *J* = 36.7 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.75 (s, 2F).

¹¹**B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 30.81 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₃₂BF₂NO₄⁺ ([M]⁺): 459.2387, found 459.2377.

2-(3-(Difluoro(4-phenoxyphenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)-4,4,5,5tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (74)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE = 100%) on silica gel to afford the title compound (332.9 mg, 67% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 8.6 Hz, 4H), 1.92 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.56, 156.64, 130.53 – 129.40 (m), 126.99 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 123.90, 119.46, 118.25 (t, *J* = 242.7 Hz), 118.05, 83.66, 48.95 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 48.60 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 46.51 (t, *J* = 36.5 Hz), 24.80.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.45 (s, 2F).

¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.29 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{24}H_{27}BF_2O_3^+$ ([M]⁺): 412.2016, found 412.2006.

3-(Difluoro(5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)bicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-1yl)methyl)-2-methoxypyridine (75)



Following the **Procedure E**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 20:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (124.2 mg, 27% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (s, 4H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.74, 148.09, 137.13 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 122.21 (d, *J* = 243.6 Hz), 118.42 (t, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 116.12, 83.23, 53.42, 47.70 (t, *J* = 28.8 Hz), 33.96 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 29.35, 24.84, 16.23.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -106.41 (s, 2F)

¹¹**B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 32.79 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{29}BF_2NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 380.2203, found 380.2195.

3-(Difluoro(6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)bicyclo[4.1.1]octan-1yl)methyl)-2-methoxypyridine (76)



Following the **Procedure E**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 20:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (58.0 mg, 12% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 8H), 1.59 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.70, 148.04, 137.45 (t, J = 8.6 Hz), 123.10, 117.47, 116.14, 83.22, 53.44, 47.65 (t, J = 26.4 Hz), 32.01, 31.70, 30.98 (t, J = 5.2 Hz), 25.43, 25.14, 24.86, 24.76.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -106.03 (s, 2F).

¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.85 (s, 1B).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{21}H_{31}BF_2NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 394.2360, found 394.2357.

4-(3-(Difluoro(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yl)methyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (77)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA:Et₃N = 5:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (318.3 mg, 48% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 4.56 (tt, *J* = 11.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (s, 6H), 1.59 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 18H), 1.13 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 158.01, 137.83 (t, *J* = 27.5 Hz), 132.19 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 123.74 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 117.49 (d, *J* = 243.2 Hz), 115.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 114.26 (q, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 113.66 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 83.78, 70.89, 55.41, 48.95, 46.13 (t, *J* = 35.4 Hz), 46.06, 33.12, 28.22, 24.84, 21.20.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.91 (s, 3F), -105.90 (s, 2F)

¹¹**B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 30.52.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{29}H_{42}BF_5NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 558.3172, found 558.3148.

2-(3-(Difluoro(3-(((3aR,5R,5aS,8aS,8bR)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5Hbis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran-5-yl)methoxy)-5-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (78)



Following the **Procedure D**.

Purified by flash chromatography (PE:EA = 6:1) on silica gel to afford the title compound (318.0 mg, 41% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 5.57 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.32 (m, 3H), 4.24 – 4.12 (m, 4H), 1.89 (s, 6H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 12H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 158.94, 137.79 (t, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 132.08 (q, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 123.69 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 117.45 (t, *J* = 243.6 Hz), 115.35, 114.78, 112.91, 109.78, 108.98, 96.49, 83.75, 71.03, 70.78, 70.68, 67.43, 66.35, 48.97 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 46.07 (t, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 45.99, 29.82, 26.19, 26.11, 25.03, 24.82, 24.55.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.84 (s, 3F), -105.56 (d, *J* = 29.2 Hz, 2F).

¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.46.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{31}H_{40}BF_5O_8^+$ ([M]⁺): 646.2731, found 646.2700.

N-(2-(Difluoro(3-hydroxybicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)acetamide (79)



Follow the reported procedures in the literature¹⁵, to a solution of **65** (75.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) in THF (4.0 mL) at 0 °C was added H₂O₂ (30 wt.% in water, 0.24 mL) dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ was added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (4 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 1:9) on silica gel to afford title compound (38.6 mg, 72% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 0H), 7.49 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.94 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 7H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.39, 134.42, 130.91, 126.38 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 125.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 124.91, 124.86, 122.21 (d, *J* = 241.4 Hz), 62.96, 52.58, 34.25 (t, *J* = 36.1 Hz), 24.80.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -95.67 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_2NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 268.1144, found 268.1138

N-(2-(Difluoro(3-(trifluoro-l4-boraneyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yl)methyl)phenyl)acetamide, potassium salt (80)



Follow the reported procedures in the literature¹⁵, to a solution of **65** (415 mg, 1.1 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added KHF₂ solution (2 mL, 10 mmol). The system was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Then, the solvents were evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with hot acetone (4×10 mL), followed by filtration. The combined filtrates were concentrated to 2 mL. Cold Et₂O was added into the system, and the resultant precipitate was collected and dried to afford the title compound (339 mg, 86%) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **DMSO-***d*₆) δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR** (**100 MHz, DMSO-***d***6**) δ 168.52, 134.80, 129.78, 128.07 (t, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 127.57, 126.13 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 124.94, 119.50 (t, *J* = 242.5 Hz), 46.87, 43.13 (t, *J* = 33.8 Hz), 30.76, 23.67.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ -97.73 (s, 2F), -143.09(s, 3F)

¹¹**B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-d6**) δ 1.48 (s, 1B)

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₄H₁₄BF₅NO⁻ ([M-K⁺]⁻): 318.1094, found 318.1085

N-(2-(difluoro(3-(4-methylquinolin-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yl)methyl)phenyl)acetamide (81)



Follow the reported procedures in the literature¹⁶, to a 8 mL reaction vial was added BCP-BF₃K **76** (35.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-CzIPN (4 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.05 equiv), 4methylquinoline (15 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), K₂S₂O₈ (54 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv.), TFA (8 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and MeCN/H₂O (1:1, 1 mL). The mixture was irradiated with 40W blue LEDs (440 nm) at room temperature. After 16 hours, saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ was added into the system, and the mixture was extracted with DCM (4 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 1:3) to afford colorless oil **S10** (12.1 mg, 31%).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dt, J = 21.1, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 2.65 (s, 4H), 2.27 (s, 7H), 2.21 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.24, 157.96, 147.81, 144.75, 134.88, 130.91, 129.81, 129.44, 127.26, 126.50, 126.16, 124.63, 124.44, 123.74, 120.99 (d, *J* = 242.7 Hz), 119.46, 50.29, 42.74, 41.02 (t, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 25.01, 18.81.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -98.92 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{24}H_{23}F_2N_2O^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 393.1773, found 393.1757.

N-(2-((3-(2-cyanoethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)difluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (82)



Follow the reported procedures in the literature¹⁷, to a 8 mL reaction vial was added BCP-BF₃K **76** (35.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbpy)PF₆ (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 0.02 equiv), acrylonitrile (20 μ L, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv), Na₂HPO₄ (43 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv), and THF (1 mL). The mixture was irradiated with a 40W blue LEDs (456 nm) at room temperature. After 16 hours, solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the crude material was purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 1:2) to afford colorless oil **S11** (10.8 mg, 34%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)** δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.22, 134.67, 130.90, 126.46 (t, J = 8.2 Hz), 124.94 (t, J = 5.2 Hz), 124.73, 124.72, 121.58 (d, J = 241.4 Hz), 119.38, 48.46 (t, J = 3.1 Hz), 41.35 (t, J = 35.8 Hz), 38.67, 27.15, 24.88, 14.43.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -99.00 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{19}F_2N_2O^+$ ([M+H]]⁺): 305.1460, found 305.1449.

N-(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-(4-(bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yldifluoromethyl)phenoxy)acetamide (83)



Following the **Procedure A** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (Tol:PE:EA:DCM:Et₃N = 2:2:1:1:0.2) on silica gel to afford the title compound (92.4 mg, 35% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.35 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.91 (tdd, J = 10.8, 8.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.81 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.92 (dd, J = 13.1, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (s, 6H), 1.52 (qd, J = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.14, 157.96, 138.29, 129.41 (t, J = 27.7 Hz), 129.24, 128.40, 127.27, 127.11 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 118.60 (t, J = 242.0 Hz), 114.40, 67.39, 63.10, 52.23, 48.16 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 46.35 (t, J = 36.8 Hz), 46.28, 32.18, 27.65 (t, J = 1.7 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.83 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{26}H_{31}F_2N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 441.2348, found 411.2340.

N-(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-(4-(bicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-1yldifluoromethyl)phenoxy)acetamide (84)



Following the **Procedure B** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (Tol:PE:EA:DCM:Et₃N = 2:2:1:1:0.2) on silica gel to afford the title compound (44.9 mg, 16% yield) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (q, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.11 (s, 2H), 2.49 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.21 (m, 3H), 1.99 (s, 4H), 1.73 (s, 4H), 1.58 (s, 2H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.50, 157.81, 136.00, 130.31, 129.73, 128.96, 128.80, 127.59 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 122.63 (t, *J* = 243.9 Hz), 28.92, 16.04, 114.26, 67.34, 62.15, 51.84, 47.98, 45.26, 31.82 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 31.08 – 30.06 (m), 30.01 – 29.68 (m), 28.68 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 28.47.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -106.12 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{28}H_{35}F_2N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 469.2661, found 469.2651.

*N-(1-*Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-(4-(bicyclo[4.1.1]octan-1yldifluoromethyl)phenoxy)acetamide (85)



Following the **Procedure C** using **PCN** (1) and Cs_2CO_3 as suitable reagents. Purified by flash chromatography (Tol:PE:EA:DCM:Et₃N = 2:2:1:1:0.2) on silica gel to afford the title compound (39.8 mg, 14% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.32 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.87 (td, *J* = 14.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.81 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 2.61 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.45 (m, 10H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 28.3 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.25, 157.85, 137.91, 130.03, 129.45, 128.51, 127.66 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 127.57, 123.48 (t, *J* = 243.1, 240.2 Hz), 114.24, 67.46, 62.90, 52.13, 47.61

(t, J = 27.3 Hz), 46.08, 31.84, 31.73 (t, J = 2.7 Hz), 30.62, 29.83, 28.86 (t, J = 4.6 Hz), 28.13, 25.04, 24.69.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -105.67 (s, 2F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{29}H_{37}F_2N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 483.2818, found 483.2805.

12) Evaluation of ADME Properties

Selected compounds were screened for aqueous solubility in PBS (pH 7.4), metabolic stability in Human liver microsomes (MLM) as a measure of clearance and finally inhibition of representative CYP450 enzymes. ADME studies reported in this work were independently performed by Chinese Academy of Sciences Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (Shanghai, China).

Metabolic stability in Human Liver Microsomes

Microsomes in 0.1 M TRIS buffer pH 7.4 (final concentration 0.33 mg/mL), co-factor MgCl2 (final concentration 5 mM) and tested compound (final concentration 0.1 μ M, co-solvent (0.01% DMSO) and 0.005% Bovin serum albumin (BSA)) were incubated at 37°C for 10 min. The reaction was started by the addition of NADPH (final concentration 1 mM). Aliquots were sampled at 0, 5, 15, 30 and 60 min respectively and methanol (cold in wet ice) was added to terminate the reaction. After centrifugation (4000 rpm,5 min), samples were then analyzed by LC-MS/MS.

Intrinsic clearance:

$$Cl_{int} = \frac{1000 \times slope}{P}$$

In vivo clearance:

$$Cl_{int, in \, vivo} = \frac{Cl_{int} \times Houston \times LW}{1000}$$

Hepatic clearance:

$$Cl_{hep} = \frac{HBF \times fu \times Cl_{int, in vivo}}{HBF + fu \times Cl_{int, in vivo}}$$

Metabolic bioavailability:

$$\% MF = 100 - \frac{Cl_{int} \times 100}{HBF}$$

Where *P* is microsomal protein concentration (mg/mL); *Houston* is Houston factor (45 mg of microsomal protein/g liver); *LW* is liver weight (g) (per species); *HBF* is hepatic blood flow (mL/min) (per species); *fu* is unbound fraction (fu=1 is generally used).

Cell Permeability Studies

Caco-2 cells purchased from ATCC cultured in high glucose DMEM medium in an incubator with 37 °C, 5% CO₂ and 90% relative air humidity and 10% fetal cattle, 10mmol/L HEPES, 1mmol/L Sodium pyruvate, 1% glutamine, 1% non essential amino acid, 100U/mL penicillin and 100 μ G/mL Streptomycin were added to the medium Serum. After washing cells with HBSS three times, the compounds (10 μ M) were added to the corresponding cell pores (pH 6.8 on the A side and pH 7.4 on the B side). Incubate in a 37 °C incubator for 95 mins, take samples from the administration side at 5 mins and 95 mins respectively, and take samples from the receiving side at 35 mins and 95 mins respectively. Use LC-MS/MS to detect the concentration of the sample. Measure the Papp and Efflux values of the tested compound.

apparent permeability coefficient:

$$P_{app} = \frac{(dQ/dt)}{A \times C_0}$$

efflux ratio:

$$Efflux Ratio = \frac{P_{app(B \to A)}}{P_{app(A \to B)}}$$

Where dQ/dt is the Drug transport volume per unit time; A is the surface area for the transport; C_0 is the initial concentration in the donor chamber (μ M).

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Supplementary Figure 27 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 4

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Supplementary Figure 30 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound b










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Supplementary Figure 45 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound S8-BP

























Supplementary Figure 64 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 15

























Supplementary Figure 82 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 21









Supplementary Figure 88 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 23
































Supplementary Figure 112 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 31





Supplementary Figure 115 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 32





Supplementary Figure 118 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 33





Supplementary Figure 121 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 34





Supplementary Figure 124 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 35

















Supplementary Figure 136 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 39





Supplementary Figure 139 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 40



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Supplementary Figure 145 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 42








Supplementary Figure 151 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 44













Supplementary Figure 160¹³C NMR spectra of compound 47

















Supplementary Figure 172 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 51









Supplementary Figure 178 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 53





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Supplementary Figure 184 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 55





Supplementary Figure 187 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 56





Supplementary Figure 190 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 57













Supplementary Figure 199 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 60
























Supplementary Figure 217 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 66









Supplementary Figure 223 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 68



68 - ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)









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Supplementary Figure 234 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 71











73 - ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)



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Supplementary Figure 246 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 74





Supplementary Figure 250 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 75

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Supplementary Figure 256 ¹¹B NMR spectra of compound 76














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Supplementary Figure 273 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 81



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82 - ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)

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Supplementary Figure 279 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 83





Supplementary Figure 282 ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 84







