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Ring-size-selective construction of fluorinecontaining carbocycles via intramolecular iodoarylation of 1,1-difluoro-1-alkenes

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1. General statement

¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 or a JEOL ECS-400 spectrometer. Chemical shift values are given in ppm relative to internal Me₄Si (for ¹H NMR: $\delta = 0.00$ ppm), CDCl₃ (for ¹³C NMR: $\delta = 77.0$ ppm), C₆F₆ (for ¹⁹F NMR: $\delta = 0.0$ ppm), and (4-MeC₆H₄)₂C(CF₃)₂ (for ¹⁹F NMR: $\delta = 97.9$ ppm). IR spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-300S spectrometer using the attenuated total reflectance (ATR) method. Mass spectra were measured on a JEOL JMS-T100GCV spectrometer. X-ray diffraction studies were performed on a Bruker APEXII ULTRA instrument equipped with а CCD diffractometer using MoKα (graphite monochromated, $\lambda = 0.71069$ Å) radiation. The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR97) [1]. The positional and thermal parameters of non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically on F^2 by the full-matrix least-squares method using SHELXS-97 [2]. Hydrogen atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined with the riding mode on their corresponding carbon atoms. The CCDC deposition numbers of compounds 2a and 6a are 1556804 and 1556803, respectively. All the reactions were conducted under argon or nitrogen atmosphere.

Column chromatography and preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) were conducted on silica gel (Silica Gel 60 N, Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. for column chromatography and Wakogel B-5F, Wako Pure Chemical Inductries for PTLC). Tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane, and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) were purified by a solvent-purification system (GlassContour) equipped with columns of activated alumina and supported-copper catalyst (Q-5) before use. 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoropropan-2-ol (HFIP) was distilled from CaH₂ and stored over activated 4 Å molecular sieves. *N,N,N',N'*-Tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) was distilled from KOH and stored over activated 4 Å molecular sieves. 2-(Trifluoromethyl)-1-alkenes [3-5] and (biaryl-2-yl)acetaldehydes [6] were prepared according to the literature

procedures. Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial sources and used directly without further purifications.

2. Preparation of 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryls 1

2-(3,3-Difluoro-2-phenylallyl)biphenyl (1a)

To a THF (6.0 mL) solution of 2-iodobiphenyl (105 μL, 0.60 mmol) and TMEDA (157 μL, 1.0 mmol) was added *n*-BuLi (1.58 M, 0.83 mL, 1.3 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring at the same temperature for 15 min, (3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (206 mg, 1.20 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After stirring at 60 °C for 2.5 h, the reaction was quenched with an aqueous NH₄Cl solution. The organic materials were extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times. The combined extracts were washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate 50:1) to give 1a (98 mg, 53%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.69 (dd, J_{HF} = 2.3, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.28 (m, 9H), 7.32–7.39 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.2, 91.5 (dd, J_{CF} = 21, 14 Hz), 126.2, 127.0, 127.1, 127.5, 128.1, 128.18, 128.21 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 4 Hz), 128.5, 129.2, 130.0, 133.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 3 Hz), 135.5 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 3 Hz), 141.3, 142.1, 154.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 292, 289 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 70.9 (d, J_{FF} = 40 Hz, 1F), 71.1 (d, J_{FF} = 40 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3060, 3022, 1724, 1477, 1236, 991, 748, 696 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆F₂ [M]⁺: 306.1220; Found: 306.1213.

2-[2-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-3,3-difluoroallyl]biphenyl (1b)

Compound **1b** was prepared by the method described for **1a** using 2-iodobiphenyl (105 μ L, 0.60 mmol) and 4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)biphenyl (255 mg, 1.03 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **1b** (154 mg, 67%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.73 (dd, J_{HF} = 2.1, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.30–7.45 (m, 9H), 7.53–7.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.1, 91.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 21, 14 Hz), 126.3, 126.87, 126.93, 127.0, 127.3, 127.6, 128.1, 128.48, 128.51 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 4 Hz), 128.7, 129.2, 130.0, 132.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 4 Hz), 135.5 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 2 Hz), 139.8, 140.5, 141.3, 142.1, 154.4 (dd, J_{CF} = 292, 289 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 71.6 (d, J_{FF} = 39 Hz, 1F), 71.8 (d, J_{FF} = 39 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3059, 3028, 1722, 1479, 1238, 999, 841, 764, 700 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{27}H_{20}F_2$ [M]⁺: 382.1533; Found: 382.1549.

2-[3,3-Difluoro-2-(4-methylphenyl)allyl]biphenyl (1c)

Compound **1c** was prepared by the method described for **1a** using 2-iodobiphenyl (106 μ L, 0.60 mmol) and 1-methyl-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (134 mg, 0.72 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **1c** (113 mg, 59%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.27 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J_{HF} = 2.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15–7.28 (m, 6H), 7.33–7.41 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 31.1, 91.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 18, 15), 126.2, 127.0, 127.5, 128.0 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 3 Hz), 128.1, 128.5, 128.9, 129.2, 129.9, 130.2, 135.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 2 Hz), 136.8, 141.4, 142.1, 154.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 292, 290 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 71.0 (d, J_{FF} = 41 Hz, 1F), 71.1 (d, J_{FF} = 41 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3022, 2922,

1722, 1479, 1236, 997, 822, 748, 702 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₂ [M]⁺: 320.1377; Found: 320.1385.

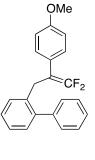
2-[3,3-Difluoro-2-(3-methylphenyl)allyl]biphenyl (1d)

Compound **1d** was prepared by the method described for **1a** using 2-iodobiphenyl (39 μ L, 0.22 mmol) and 1-methyl-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (49 mg, 0.26 mmol). Purification by PTLC (pentane) gave **1d** (14 mg, 19%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.68 (dd, J_{HF} = 2.4, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.86–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.29 (m, 6H), 7.33–7.40 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4, 31.1, 91.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 17, 16 Hz), 125.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 3 Hz), 126.2, 126.9, 127.5, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 128.9 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 3), 129.2, 129.9, 133.1, 135.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 3 Hz), 137.7, 141.4, 142.1, 154.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 290, 290 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 70.9 (d, J_{FF} = 41 Hz, 1F), 71.0 (d, J_{FF} = 41 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3060, 2924, 1730, 1479, 1244, 1120, 1018, 787, 748, 702 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₂ [M]⁺: 320.1377; Found: 320.1376.

2-[3,3-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl]biphenyl (1e)

Compound **1e** was prepared by the method described for **1a** using 2-iodobiphenyl (88 μ L, 0.50 mmol) and 1-methoxy-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (121 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **1e** (92 mg, 55%) as a pale yellow liquid.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.66 (dd, J_{HF} = 2.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14–7.27 (m, 6H), 7.31–7.39 (m, 3H). ¹³C

NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.2, 55.1, 91.0 (dd, J_{CF} = 19, 16 Hz), 113.6, 125.4, 126.2, 126.9, 127.5, 128.1, 128.5, 129.2, 129.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 3 Hz), 129.9, 135.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 2, 2 Hz), 141.4, 142.1, 154.1 (dd, J_{CF} = 289, 289 Hz), 158.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 70.0 (br s, 2F). IR (neat): 3020, 2837, 1726, 1610, 1514, 1296, 1238, 1180, 995, 833, 748, 704 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}F_2O$ [M]⁺: 336.1326; Found: 336.1311.

2-(3,3-Difluoro-2-phenylallyl)-4'-methylbiphenyl (1f)

Compound **1f** was prepared by the method described for **1a** using 2-bromo-4'-methylbiphenyl (148 mg, 0.60 mmol) and (3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (123 mg, 0.72 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **1f** (74 mg, 38%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, J_{HF} = 2.1, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.14–7.27 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.2, 31.1, 91.5 (dd, J_{CF} = 21, 14 Hz), 126.2, 127.1, 127.4, 128.18, 128.21 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 3 Hz), 128.4, 128.8, 129.1, 130.1, 133.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 3 Hz), 135.6, 136.6, 138.4, 142.1, 154.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 290, 287 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 71.4 (d, J_{FF} = 40 Hz, 1F), 71.6 (d, J_{FF} = 40 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3024, 2922, 1726, 1481, 1446, 1238, 1005, 991, 758, 696 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₂ [M]⁺: 320.1377; Found: 320.1362.

2-(3,3-Difluoro-2-phenylallyl)-4'-methoxybiphenyl (1g)

Compound **1g** was prepared by the method described for **1a** using 2-bromo-4'-methoxybiphenyl (158 mg, 0.60 mmol) and (3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (123 mg, 0.72 mmol).

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Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 30:1) gave **1g** (15 mg, 7%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.69 (br s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06–7.27 (m, 11H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 30.8, 55.2, 91.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 20, 14 Hz), 113.6, 126.2, 127.1, 127.3, 128.18, 128.21 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 4 Hz), 128.5, 130.2, 130.3, 133.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 3, 3 Hz), 133.7, 135.7, 141.8, 154.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 290, 287 Hz), 158.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 72.0 (d, J_{FF} = 40 Hz, 1F), 72.1 (d, J_{FF} = 40 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3064, 2958, 2837, 1726, 1612, 1516, 1481, 1242, 1003, 835, 762 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₂O [M][†]: 336.1326; Found: 336.1317.

3. Preparation of 2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryls 5

2-(3,3-Difluoroallyl)biphenyl (5a)

To a THF (130 mL) suspension of molecular sieves (4 Å, powder, 4.2

g) was added dibromodifluoromethane (5.9 mL, 64 mmol) at -78 °C.

After stirring at the same temperature for 30 min,

tris(dimethylamino)phosphine (23.4 mL, 129 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture at -78 °C. After stirring at the same temperature for another 35 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature, and a THF (20 mL) solution of 2-(biphenyl-2-yl)acetaldehyde (4.23 g, 21.6 mmol) was added slowly to the reaction mixture. After stirring at room temperature for 10 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel (ethyl acetate). After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane) to give **5a** (2.56 g, 52%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.27 (ddd, J = 7.9 Hz, $J_{HF} = 1.7$, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (dtd, $J_{HF} = 24.9$ Hz, J = 7.9 Hz, $J_{HF} = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.38 (m, 6H),

7.40–7.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.1 (d, J_{CF} = 5 Hz), 77.8 (dd, J_{CF} = 23, 20 Hz), 126.4, 127.0, 127.6, 128.1, 128.8, 129.0, 130.0, 136.8, 141.2, 141.8, 156.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 288, 286 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 70.2 (dd, J_{FF} = 45 Hz, J_{FH} = 25 Hz, 1F), 72.7 (d, J_{FF} = 45 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3060, 2925, 1745, 1479, 1225, 1174, 752, 702 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₂ [M]⁺: 230.0907; Found: 230.0902.

2-(3,3-Difluoroallyl)-4'-methylbiphenyl (5b)

Compound **5b** was prepared by the method described for **5a** using 2-(4'-methylbiphenyl-2-yl)acetaldehyde (526 mg, 2.50 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (hexane) gave **5b** (248 mg, 41%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.27 (ddd, J = 7.9 Hz, $J_{HF} = 1.8$, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (dtd, $J_{HF} = 25.0$ Hz, J = 7.9 Hz, $J_{HF} = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.32 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 26.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 5$ Hz), 77.8 (dd, $J_{CF} = 23$, 20 Hz), 126.4, 127.4, 128.8, 128.85, 128.91, 130.1, 136.7, 136.9 (dd, $J_{CF} = 2$, 2 Hz), 138.3, 141.7, 156.3 (dd, $J_{CF} = 288$, 286 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 70.1 (dd, $J_{FF} = 45$ Hz, $J_{FH} = 25$ Hz, 1F), 72.7 (d, $J_{FF} = 45$ Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3024, 2924, 1745, 1483, 1225, 1173, 758 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄F₂ [M]⁺: 244.1064; Found: 244.1052.

4'-Bromo-2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)biphenyl (5c)

Compound **5c** was prepared by the method described for **5a** using 2-(4'-bromobiphenyl-2-yl)acetaldehyde (1.18 g, 4.29 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (hexane) gave

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5c (438 mg, 33%) as a pale yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.24 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.15–4.26 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.56 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.1 (d, J_{CF} = 4 Hz), 77.7 (dd, J_{CF} = 23, 22 Hz), 121.3, 126.6, 128.0, 129.0, 130.0, 130.8, 131.4, 136.8, 140.2, 140.5, 156.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 286, 286 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 70.9 (dd, J_{FF} = 45 Hz, J_{FH} = 25 Hz, 1F), 73.4 (d, J_{FF} = 45 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3064, 2931, 1743, 1475, 1225, 1072, 1005, 829, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁⁷⁹BrF₂ [M]⁺: 308.0012; Found: 307.9998.

4. lodoarylation of 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryls 1

9-(Difluoroiodomethyl)-9-phenyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (2a)

To a HFIP (1.20 mL) and dichloromethane (0.13 μ L) solution of 2-(2-phenyl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biphenyl (**1a**, 31 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added pyridine iodine monochloride (PyICI, 49 mg, 0.20 mmol) at 0 °C. After

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stirring at 0 °C for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with an aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The organic materials were extracted with CHCl₃ three times. The combined extracts were washed with an aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) to give **2a** (34 mg, 79%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.68 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.08 (m, 3H), 7.15–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.42–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.7, 59.5 (t, J_{CF} = 17 Hz), 110.6 (t, J_{CF} = 316 Hz), 123.6, 125.1, 127.2, 127.4, 127.50, 127.52, 128.0, 128.46, 128.50, 128.6 (t, J_{CF} = 4 Hz), 130.1, 132.7, 133.64, 133.64, 134.6,

136.8. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 124.7 (br s). IR (neat): 3068, 1489, 1454, 1126, 1147, 1097, 964, 850, 742, 696, 592 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅F₂I [M]⁺: 432.0186: Found: 432.0166.

9-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-9-(difluoroiodomethyl)-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (2b)

Compound **2b** was synthesized by the method described for **2a** using 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl **1b** (38 mg, 0.10 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 6:1) gave **2b** (38 mg, 74%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.73 (br s, 2H), 7.17–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.35 (m, 8H), 7.42–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.55–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.8, 59.4 (t, J_{CF} = 18 Hz), 110.6 (t, J_{CF} = 316 Hz), 123.6, 125.1, 126.1, 126.9, 127.27, 127.32, 127.4, 128.1, 128.5, 128.65, 128.65, 128.65, 130.5, 132.66, 132.66, 133.6, 134.6, 136.8, 140.1, 140.2. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 124.7 (br s, 2F). IR (neat): 3064, 3032, 1487, 1452, 1147, 1095, 1007, 964, 876, 762, 704 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₇H₁₉F₂I [M]⁺: 508.0500: Found: 508.0480.

9-(Difluoroiodomethyl)-9-(4-methylphenyl)-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (2c)

Compound **2c** was synthesized by the method described for **2a** using 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl **1c** (117 mg, 0.37 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **2c** (134 mg, 82%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.50–

7.53 (m, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.9, 38.7, 59.3 (t, $J_{CF} = 17$ Hz), 111.0 (t, $J_{CF} = 317$ Hz), 123.5, 125.0, 127.2, 127.3, 128.0, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6 (t, $J_{CF} = 4$ Hz), 130.0, 132.81, 132.81, 133.6, 134.5, 136.9, 137.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 125.2 (br s, 2F). IR (neat): 3026, 2922, 1512, 1454, 1149, 1126, 1095, 964, 874, 856, 746 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}F_2I$ [M]*: 446.0343; Found: 446.0322.

9-(Difluoroiodomethyl)-9-(3-methylphenyl)-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (2d)

Compound **2d** was synthesized by the method described for **2a** using 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl **1d** (13 mg, 42 μ mol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **2d** (10 mg, 53%) as a white solid.

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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.16 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.97 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 38.8, 59.4 (t, J_{CF} = 17 Hz), 110.9 (t, J_{CF} = 318 Hz), 123.5, 125.0, 127.1, 127.28, 127.31, 127.31, 127.9, 128.32, 128.39, 128.4, 128.7, 130.9, 132.8, 133.4, 133.6, 134.6, 136.87, 136.87. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 126.0 (br s, 2F). IR (neat): 3064, 2970, 2362, 1489, 1452, 1126, 964, 845, 737 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₂I [M][†]: 446.0343; Found: 446.0360.

9-(Difluoroiodomethyl)-9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (2e)

Compound **2e** was synthesized by the method described for **2a** using 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl **1e** (34 mg, 0.10 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 5:1) gave **2e** (38 mg, 83%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.66 (br s, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.7, 55.0, 59.0 (t, J_{CF} = 17 Hz), 111.0 (t, J_{CF} = 322 Hz), 112.9, 123.5, 125.1, 127.2, 127.3, 128.0, 128.4, 128.49, 128.49, 131.3, 132.81, 132.81, 133.6, 134.5, 136.9, 158.7. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 124.5 (br s, 2F). IR (neat): 3064, 2837, 1606, 1510, 1454, 1259, 1188, 1093, 964, 804, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}F_2IO$ [M][†]: 462.0292; Found: 462.0293.

10-(Difluoroiodomethyl)-2-methyl-10-phenyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (2f)

Compound **2f** was synthesized by the method described for **2a** using 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl **1f** (67 mg, 0.21 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **2f** (50 mg, 54%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.49 (s, 3H), 3.64 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04–7.08 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 38.9, 59.5 (t, J_{CF} = 17 Hz), 110.8 (t, J_{CF} = 315 Hz), 123.2, 124.9, 127.3, 127.47, 127.47, 127.54, 128.4, 129.1, 129.3, 130.1, 131.9, 132.4, 133.7, 136.7, 136.94, 136.94. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 126.1 (br s, 2F). IR

(neat): 3033, 2918, 1487, 1448, 1151, 1128, 1099, 974, 841, 766, 739, 694 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}F_2I$ [M]⁺: 446.0343; Found: 446.0322.

10-(Difluoroiodomethyl)-2-methoxy-10-phenyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (2g)

Compound $\mathbf{2g}$ was synthesized by the method described for $\mathbf{2a}$ using 2-(2-aryl-3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl $\mathbf{1g}$ (12 mg, 37 μ mol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave $\mathbf{2g}$ (14 mg, 80%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.64 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.45–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.8, 55.5, 59.6 (t, J_{CF} = 17 Hz), 110.4 (t, J_{CF} = 321 Hz), 113.5, 115.0 (t, J_{CF} = 3.8 Hz) 122.9, 126.2, 127.1, 127.3, 127.5, 127.57, 127.57, 127.57, 128.4, 130.1, 131.9, 133.6, 138.1, 158.6. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 125.0 (br s, 2F). IR (neat): 3060, 2960, 1566, 1487, 1454, 1230, 1097, 1043, 972, 841, 729 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₂IO [M]⁺: 462.0292; Found: 462.0291.

5. Synthesis of dihydrophenanthrene bearing a CHF₂ group

9-(Difluoromethyl)-9-phenyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (4a)

After refluxing a DMF (1.0 mL) solution of **2a** (41 mg, 96 µmol) for 15 h, the organic materials were extracted with a hexane/ethyl acetate 1:1 mixed solvent three times. The combined extracts were washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column

chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) to give **4a** (29 mg, 97%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.36 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (t, J_{HF} = 55.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.24 (m, 8H), 7.34–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 35.0 (t, J_{CF} = 5 Hz), 50.8 (t, J_{CF} = 19 Hz), 118.5 (t, J_{CF} = 248 Hz), 123.6, 124.9, 127.0, 127.3, 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.7, 128.8, 133.1, 133.6, 134.8, 136.5, 138.2. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 36.5 (dd, J_{FF} = 274 Hz, J_{FH} = 56 Hz, 1F), 41.3 (dd, J_{FF} = 274 Hz, J_{FH} = 56 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3064, 2970, 1489, 1454, 1124, 1065, 741, 698 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆F₂ [M]⁺: 306.1220; Found: 306.1211.

6. lodoarylation of 2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryls 5

5,5-Difluoro-6-iodo-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*c*][7]annulene (6a)

To a HFIP (2.5 mL) and dichloromethane (1.5 μ L) solution of *N*-iodosuccinimide (NIS, 27 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (22 μ L, 0.12 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at

the same temperature for 10 min, a dichloromethane (1.0 mL) solution of 2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)biphenyl ($\mathbf{5a}$, 23 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After stirring at 0 °C for 40 min, the reaction was quenched with an aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The organic materials were extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined extracts were washed with an aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) to give $\mathbf{6a}$ (33 mg, 92%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.06 (dd, J = 14.8, 4.9, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 14.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91–4.98 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 35.1 (dd, J_{CF} = 27, 27 Hz), 41.7, 118.9 (dd, J_{CF} = 247, 247 Hz), 125.2, 127.5, 128.0, 128.20, 128.23, 129.2, 129.7, 131.0, 131.4 (dd, J_{CF} = 24, 24 Hz), 134.6, 138.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 5, 5 Hz), 140.3. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 120 °C): δ 72.3 (d, J_{FF} = 236 Hz, 1F), 86.5 (d, J_{FF} = 236 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3068, 3030, 1450, 1149, 1055, 989, 752, 598 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₂I [M]*: 355.9873; Found: 355.9866.

5,5-Difluoro-6-iodo-3-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*c*][7]annulene (6b)

Compound **6b** was synthesized by the method described for **6a** using 2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl **5b** (98 mg, 0.40 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **6b** (89 mg, 60%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.06 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.98 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.51 (br s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.3, 35.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 28, 28 Hz), 41.8, 119.0 (dd, J_{CF} = 245, 245 Hz), 125.9 (dd, J_{CF} = 7, 7 Hz), 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 129.2, 129.6, 131.3, 131.6, 134.6, 135.7 (dd, J_{CF} = 5, 5 Hz), 137.6, 140.4. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 120 °C): δ 72.3 (d, J_{FF} = 234 Hz, 1F), 86.6 (d, J_{FF} = 234 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3030, 2952, 1481, 1448, 1184, 1151, 1043, 829, 758 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₂I [M]⁺: 370.0030; Found: 370.0040.

3-Bromo-5,5-difluoro-6-iodo-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*c*][7]annulene (6c)

Compound **6c** was synthesized by the method described for **6a** using 2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)biaryl **5c** (62 mg, 0.20 mmol). Purification by PTLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) gave **6c** (54 mg, 62%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.07 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.2, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 14.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88–4.98 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.2, J_{HF} = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 34.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 28, 28 Hz), 41.6, 118.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 247, 247 Hz), 121.6, 128.1, 128.39, 128.43, 128.5 (dd, J_{CF} = 8, 8 Hz), 129.4, 131.2, 133.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 25, 25 Hz), 134.1, 134.5, 137.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 4, 4 Hz), 139.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 120 °C): δ 71.7 (d, J_{FF} = 240 Hz, 1F), 85.9 (d, J_{FF} = 240 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3064, 2960, 1473, 1448, 1209, 1153, 1057, 1043, 1003, 831, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀⁸¹BrF₂I [M]⁺: 435.8958; Found: 435.8943.

7. Synthesis of difluorodibenzo[a,c][7]annulene

5,5-Difluoro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*c*][7]annulene (7a)

To a THF (2.6 mL) solution of **6a** (94 mg, 0.26 mmol) was added diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (80 μ L, 0.52 mmol). After being refluxed for 2 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature

and an aqueous NH₄Cl solution was added. The organic materials were extracted with CHCl₃ three times. The combined extracts were washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, **7a** (59 mg, 98%) was obtained as a colorless liquid.

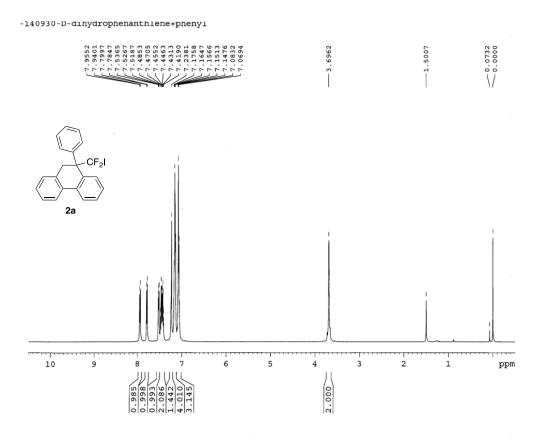
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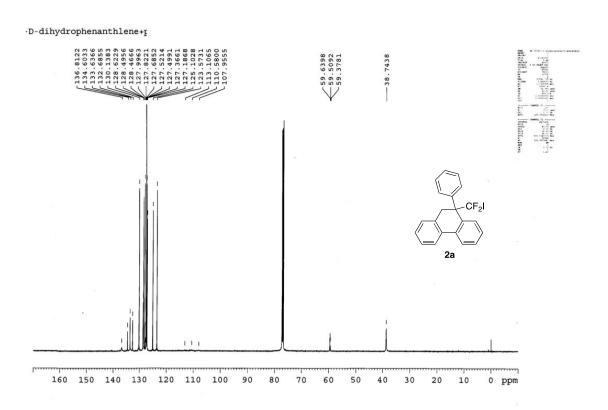
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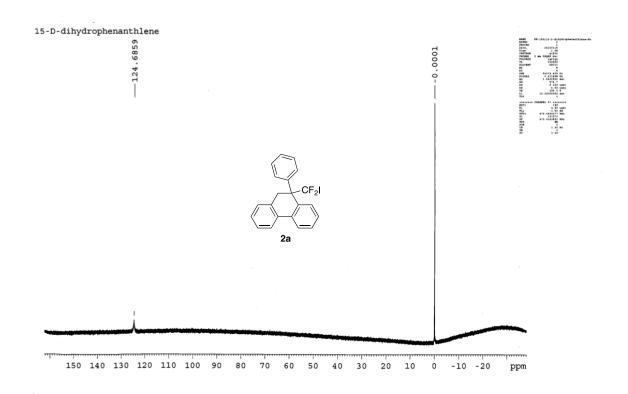
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9. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR charts

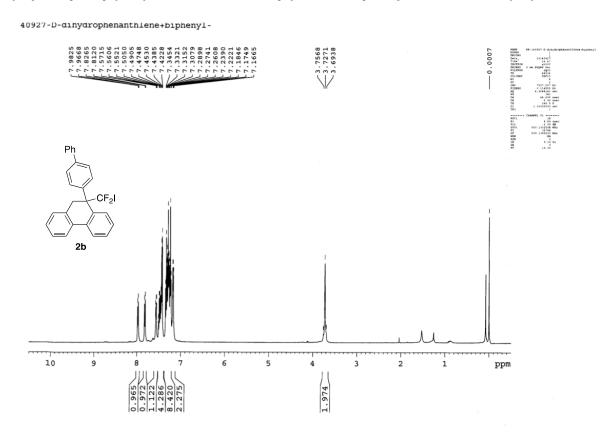
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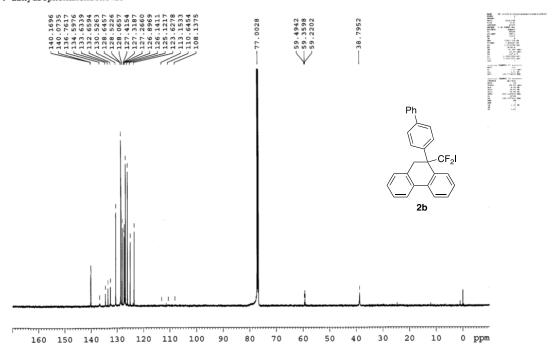


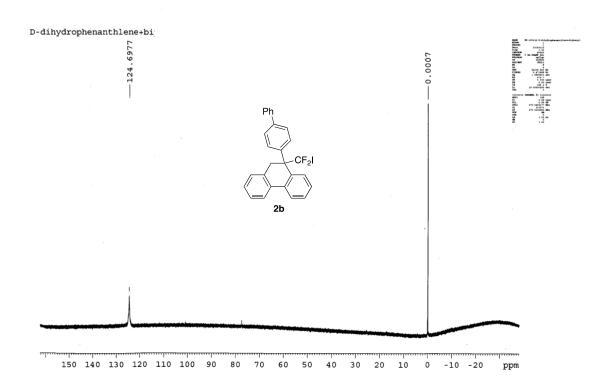


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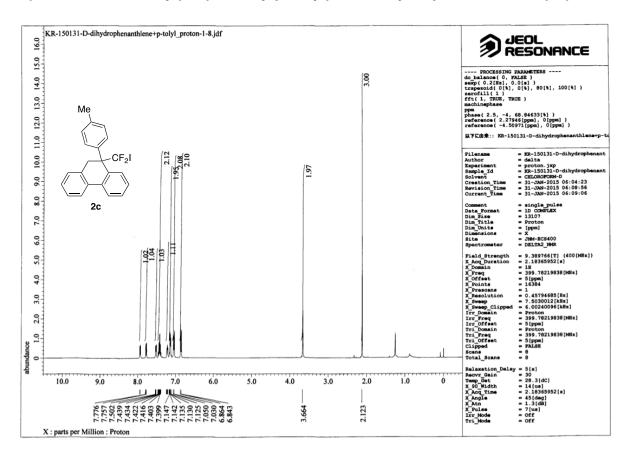


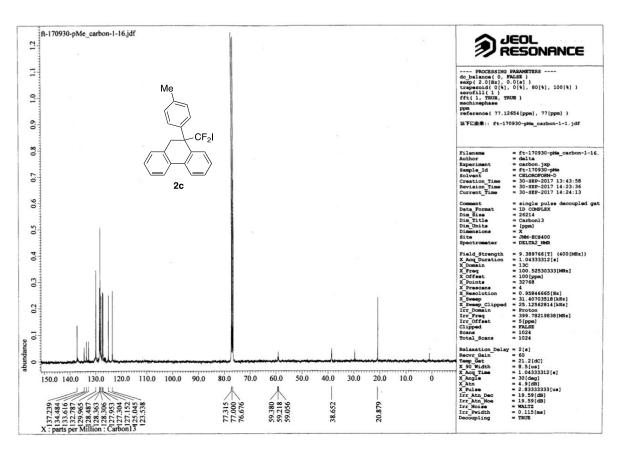


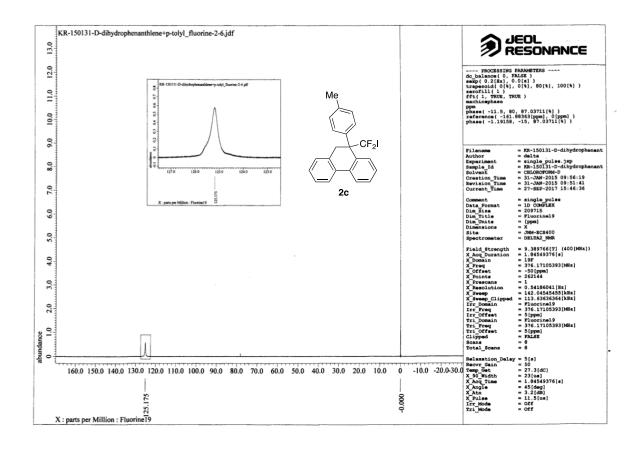




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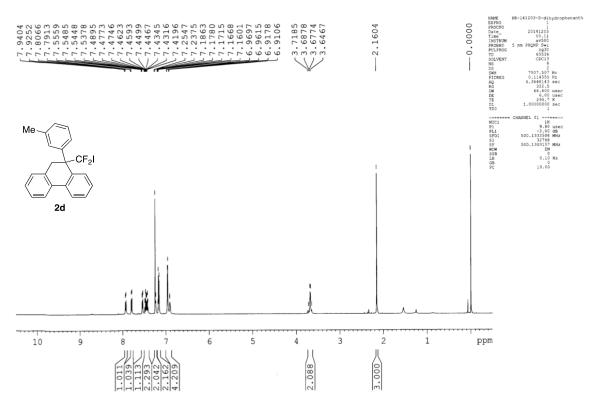


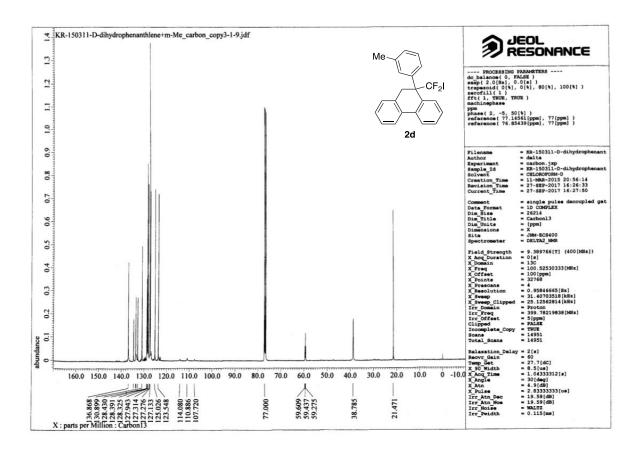


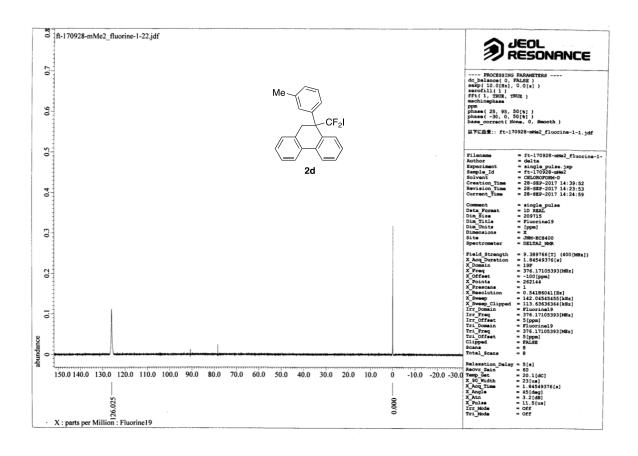


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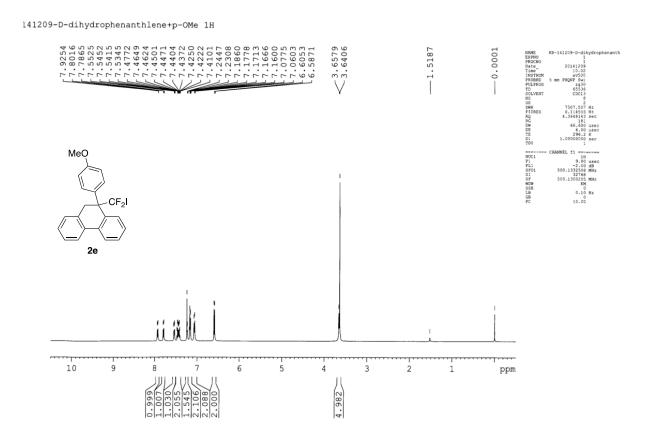


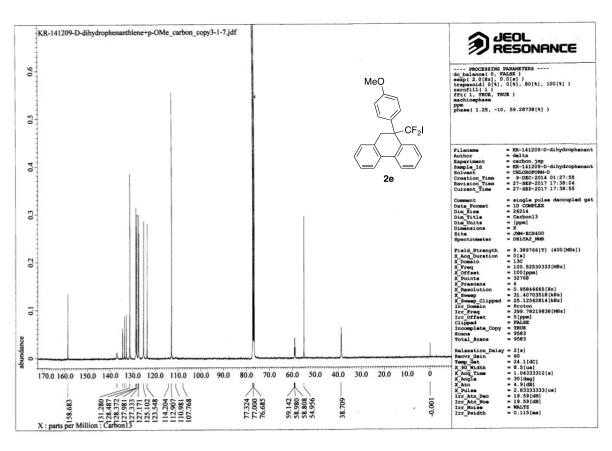


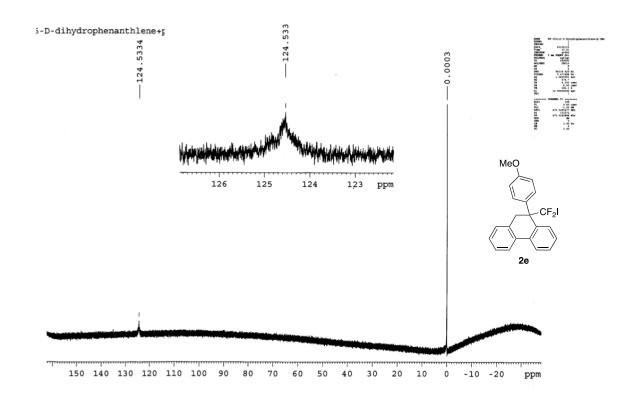




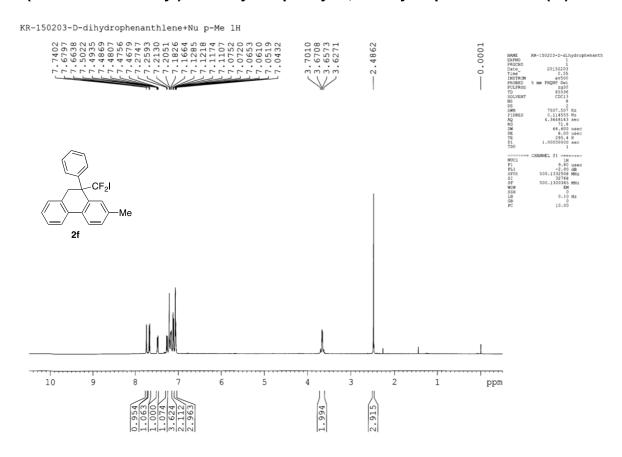
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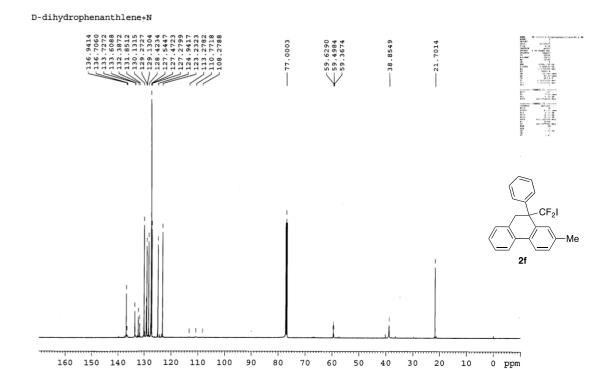


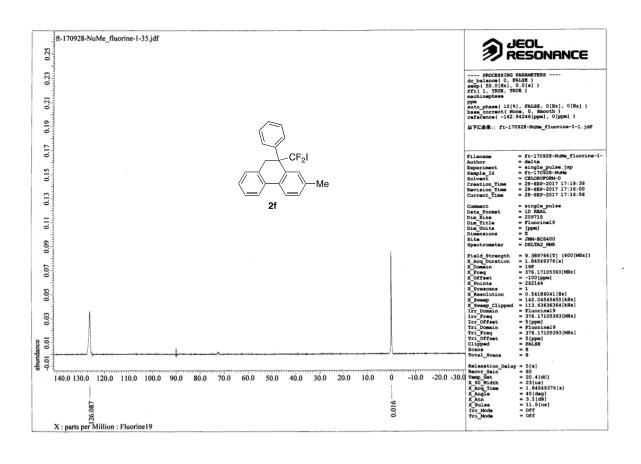




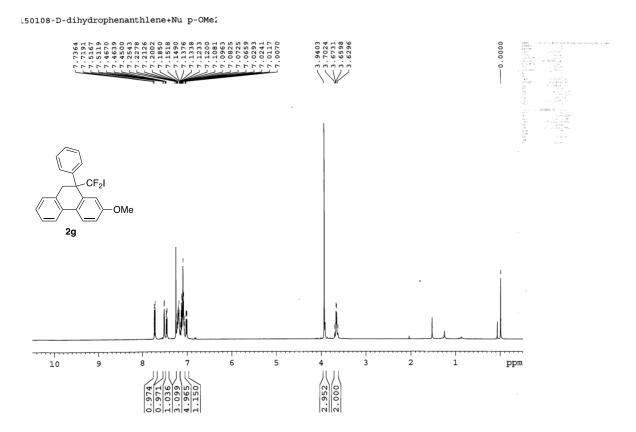
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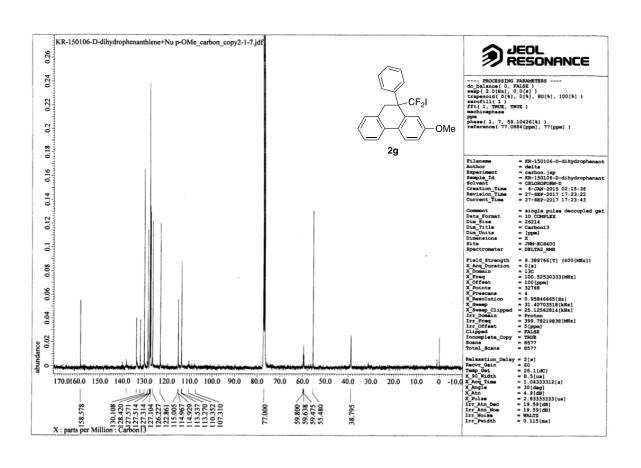


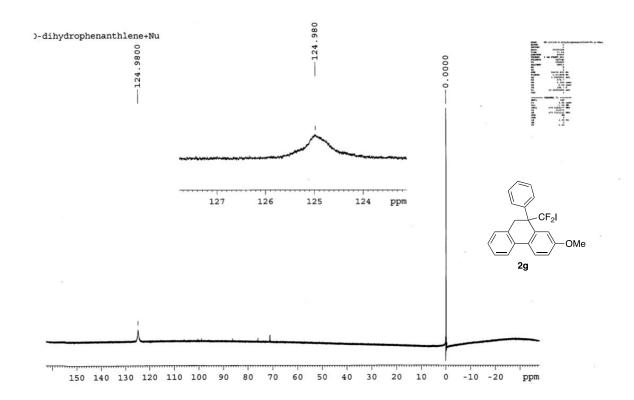




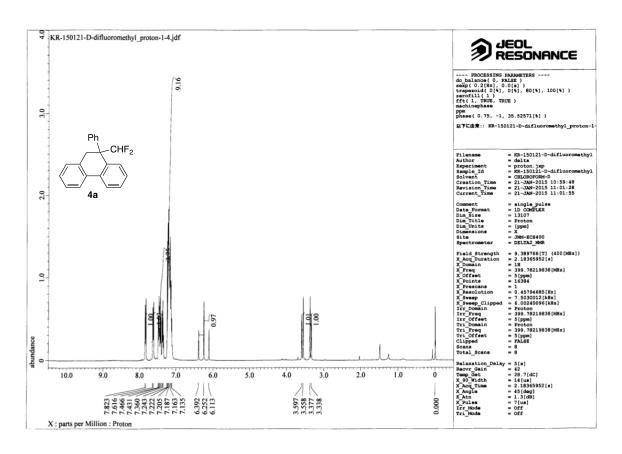
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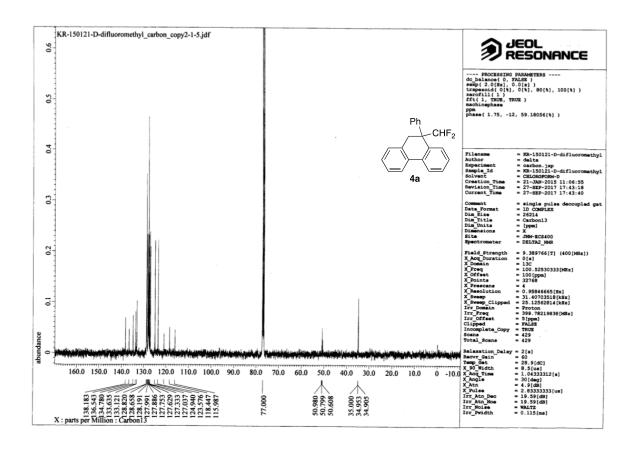


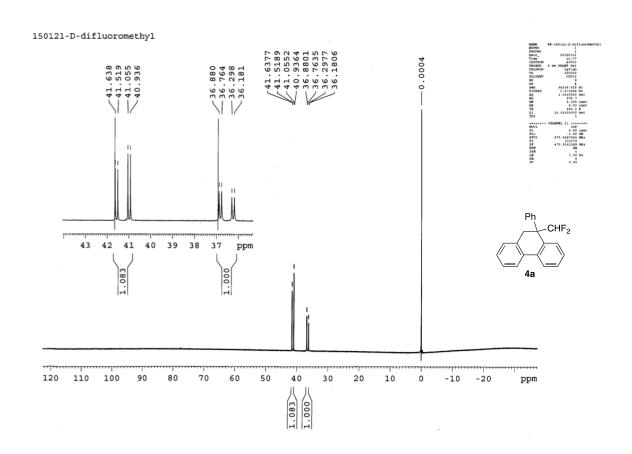




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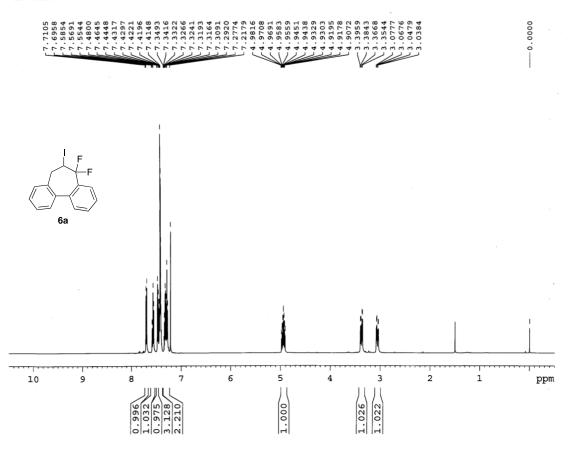


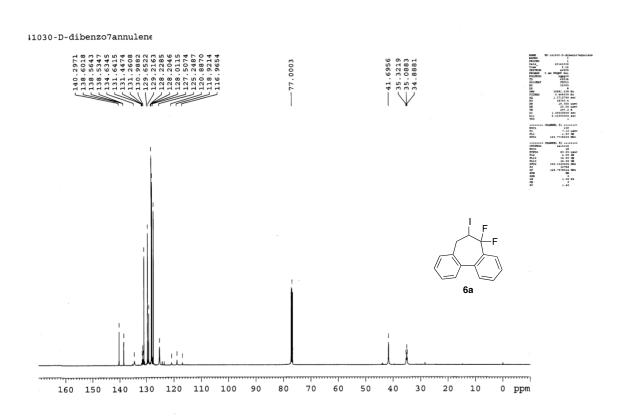


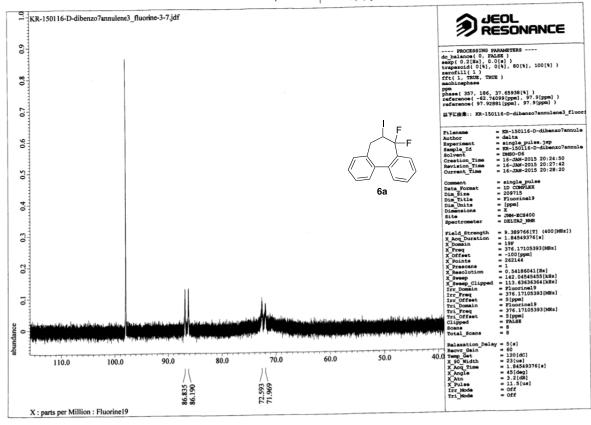


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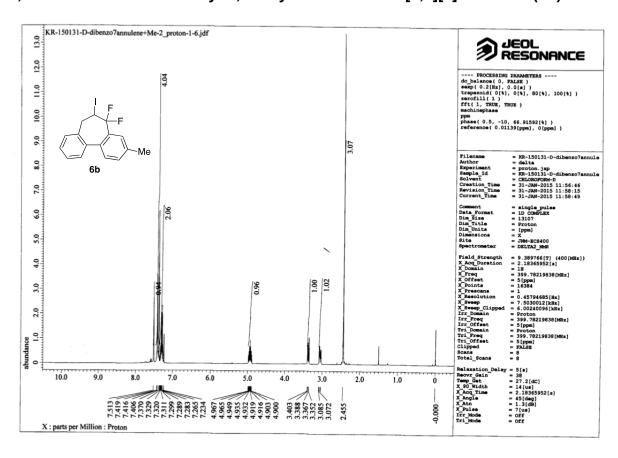


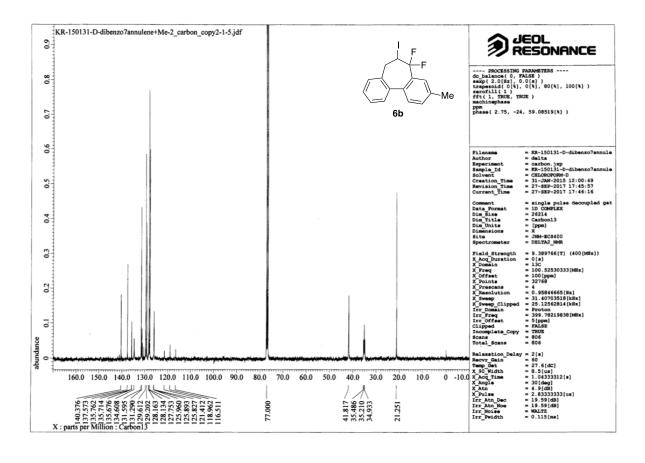


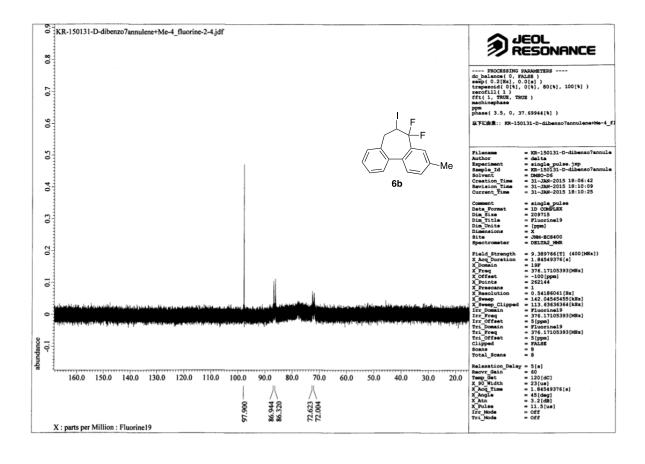




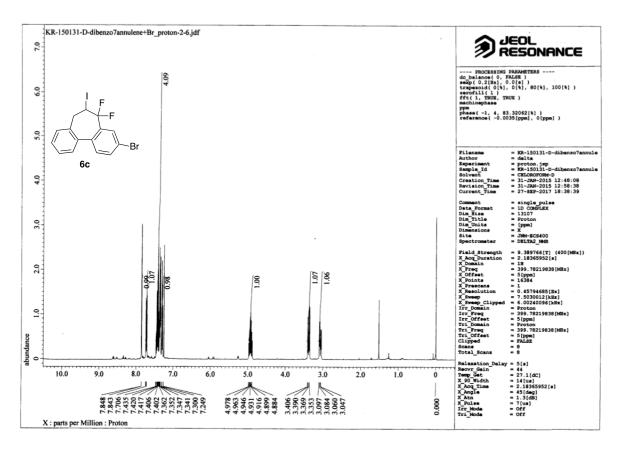
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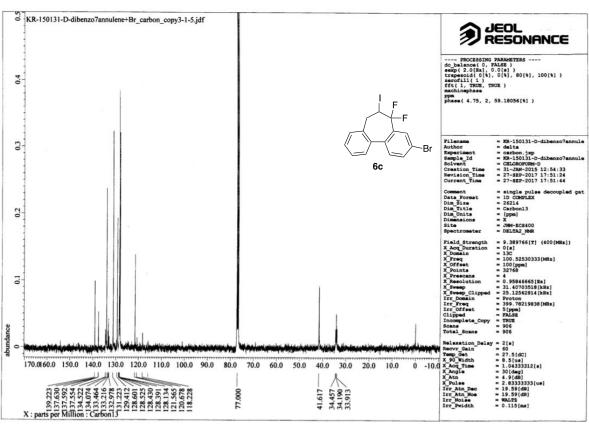


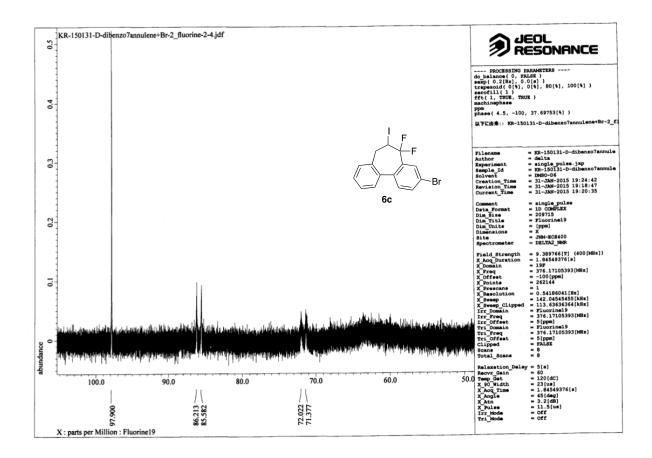




3-Bromo-5,5-difluoro-6-iodo-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*c*][7]annulene (6c)







5,5-Difluoro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*c*][7]annulene (7a)

