Metal-mediated *gem*-Difluoroallylation of *N*-Acylhydrazones: Highly Efficient Synthesis of α , α -Difluorohomoallylic Amines[†]

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Indium-mediated *gem*-difluoroallylation of aldehyde-derived *N*-acylhydrazones 1a-1q and 4a-4g with 3-bromo-3,3-difluoropropene 2 afforded α,α -difluorohomoallylic hydrazides 3a-3q and 5a-5g in high yields, respectively. Functional groups such as nitro, phenolic hydroxyl, benzyloxy and even C=C bonds of α,β -unsaturated aldehydes were compatible under this mild and operationally simple *gem*-difluoroallylic reaction condition. By means of substitution of Zn powder for indium, *gem*-difluoroallylation of ketone-derived *N*-acylhydrazones 6a-6d also provided the corresponding α,α -difluorohomoallylic hydrazides 7a-7d in medium yields. The N-N bond cleavage of the hydrazide 3a proceeded smoothly to give the corresponding primary *gem*-difluorohomoallylic amine 8, which could be converted to *gem*-difluoro- δ -substituted α,β -unsaturated lactam 11 via acryloylation followed by ring closing metathesis (RCM) reaction.

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Introduction

The addition of allylic metal derivatives to imines¹ is generally recognized as one of the most efficient methods for the access to homoallylic amine derivatives, which are compounds of interest themselves because they can be versatile intermediates in the synthesis of other bioactive molecules.² Recently, continuous endeavors of organic chemists have documentated a lot of reports about highly asymmetric and catalytic allylation of imine compounds with nonfluorinated allylic precursors,³⁻⁵ however, we found that scant attentions were given to gem-difluoroallylation reaction, due to the hard introduction of fluorine moiety and the weak reactivity of gem-difluoro-containing building block in contrast to nonfluorinated counterpart. 6 gem-Difluoromethylene moiety is a key structural unit in many fluorinated compounds of biological and pharmaceutical significance and some building blocks have been developed to introduce CF₂ into organic compounds. Among them, 3-bromo-3,3-difluoropropene (BDFP) and its derivatives are some of the most important building blocks. The coupling of the *gem*-difluoroallylic metal species, with carbonyl compounds is one of the most important procedures to prepare gem-difluorohomoallylic alcohols.⁶ For example, 4-deoxy-4,4-difluoro-glycosides have been synthesized via a direct sequence involving ring-closing metathesis and indium-mediated difluoroallylation of aldehydes with BDFP.⁸ As the counterparts of *gem*-difluorohomoallylic alcohols, most of *gem*-difluorohomoallylic amines were obtained via conversion of *gem*-difluorohomoallylic alcohols (three steps)⁹ or diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (DAST)-mediated difluorination of $\alpha.\beta$ -unsaturated ketone amines (low yield).¹⁰ Thus, a novel method should be developed to efficiently synthesize *gem*-difluorohomoallylic amines.

Theoretically, gem-difluoroallylation of imines or imine oxides would be the alternative method to address the synthesis of gem-difluorohomoallylic amines. However, to the best of our knowledge, none of this kind of gem-difluoroallylation was reported so far, which may be ascribed to the following facts: (1) the addition of organometallic reagents to the C=N double bonds of imines or imine oxides is severely restricted either by the poor electrophilicity of the azomethine carbon or by the tendency of enolisable imines and imine derivatives to undergo deprotonation rather than addition;¹¹ (2) imines may be readily hydrolyzed to the corresponding carbonyl compounds before allylation occurs, thus giving the corresponding gem-difluorohomoallylic alcohols; 12 (3) the less reactivity of gem-difluoroallylation reagent (such as BDFP) comparing to the nonfluorinated counterparts. On the other hand, it is well-known that the advantages of hydrazones over imines or imine oxides as nucleophilic

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receptors featured a favorable equilibrium in the formation, ease of purification and handling and resistance to tautomerization. Thus, herein we wish to report highly efficient metal-mediated gem-difluoroallylation N-acylhydrazones with **BDFP** gem-difluorohomoallylic amine was accessed in a straightforward fashion. Furthermore, the resultant α,α -difluorohomoallylic amine could be readily transformed to gem-difluoro- δ -substituted α,β -unsaturated lactam.

Results and discussion

Our initial experiments were performed with benzaldehyde-derived acylhydrazone 1a¹³ as a model substrate (Table 1). Firstly, acid-washed zinc powder was used to mediate the gem-difluoroallylation between 1a and BDFP 2. With toluene as solvent, no reaction occurred due to the poor solubility of 1a (Entry 1). Slightly gratifyingly, gem-difluoroallylation proceeded smoothly via substitution of DMF for toluene and desired α,α -difluorohomoallylic hydrazide 3a was provided in 78% yield (Entry 2). Further, the yield could be improved to 87% when zinc was replaced with indium powder (Entry 3). Finally, we are glad to find that 3a could be obtained in almost quantitative yield when the reaction time was prolonged from 17 to 46 h (Entry 4).

Table 1 Exploring the reaction condition of gem-difluoroallylation of model substrate 1a with BDFP 2

Entry	Metal (equiv.)	Solvent	Time/h	Yield ^a /%
1	Zn (1.7)	Toluene	24	NR
2	Zn (1.7)	DMF	24	78
3	In (1.7)	DMF	17	87
4	In (1.7)	DMF	46	97

^a Isolated yield after chromatography (silica gel) based on the starting material 1a.

On the basis of above results, we investigated the substrate generality using optimized reaction condition (Table 2). Overall, the reactions progressed well on a variety of aldehyde-derived *N*-acylhydrazones **1a—1q**. Firstly, gem-difluoroallylation displayed good results for a lot of aromatic aldehyde-derived hydrazones 1b—1j, regardless of aromatic aldehydes bearing electrondonating substituents (1b-1d, Entries 2-4), electronwithdrawing substituents (1e-1i, Entries 5-9) and even phenolic hydroxyl group (1j, Entry 10). In the case of ortho-substituted substrates, 2.6 equiv. of BDFP 2 and 2.5 equiv. of indium powder were used for the complete transformation of hydrazones (1e, 1h, Entries 5, 8). We were also pleased to find that $\alpha.\beta$ -unsaturated aromatic aldehyde-derived hydrazones 1k, 1l only regioselective underwent 1,2-addition (no 1,4-addition product was detected) and corresponding α , α -difluorohomoallylic hydrazides 3k, 3l were afforded in 84% and 76% yields, respectively (Entries 11—12). In addition, aliphatic aldehyde-derived substrates 1m-1p also delivered the desired products 3m-3p in medium to good yields (Entries 13-16) no matter whether the aliphatic chains were straight chain (1m, 1o), branched chain (1n)or cyclic chain (R)-Glyceraldehyde acetonide-derived hydrazone 1q gave two separable diastereomers in a 1.3/1 ratio determined by ¹⁹F NMR and syn isomer was the major prod-

Table 2 Substrate generality of indium-mediated gem-difluoroallylation on aldehyde-derived hydrazones 1a-1q

Entry	Hydra- zone	\mathbb{R}^1	Time/h	Yield ^a /%
1	1a	Ph	46	97
2	1b	p-MeO-C ₆ H ₄	26	90
3	1c	p-Me-C ₆ H ₄	24	91
4	1d	o-MeO-C ₆ H ₄	29	65
5	1e	o-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	72	72^{b}
6	1f	p-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	60	69
7	1g	m-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	40	89
8	1h	2,4-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	36	80^c
9	1i	m-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	24	52
10	1j	2,4-di-OH-C ₆ H ₃	24	69
11	1k	PhCH=CH	24	84^d
12	11	MeCH = CH	23	76
13	1m	n-Heptyl	19	85
14	1n	<i>i</i> -Pr	21	87
15	10	$BnOCH_2$	24	76
16	1p	c-Hexyl	32	89
17	1q	0 25/5	25	90 ^e syn/anti 1.3/1

^a Isolated yield after column chromatography. ^b 6 equiv. indium and 6 equiv. 2 were used. ^c 2.5 equiv. indium and 2.6 equiv. 2 were used. ^d 2.5 equiv. 2 was used. ^e The diastereoisomeric ratio was determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis.

Then, we turned our attention to study the substitution effect of auxiliary benzoyl moiety and the result is summarized in Table 3. Clearly, hydrazones 4a-4f derived from p-methoxybenzohydrazides underwent the gem-difluoroallylation smoothly in slightly lower yields comparing to the benzohydrazide-derived counterparts

(Entries 1—6 in Table 3 vs. Entries 1, 12—14 and 16 in Table 2). Once p-methoxyl group was replaced with p-nitro group, compound 4g did not furnish any product in DMF due to its poor solubility in this solvent (Entry 7). Although gem-difluoroallylation of 4g could occur with DMSO as solvent, the yield was very low (19%) (Entry 8), which, in our opinion, was ascribed to the incompatibility between strong electron-withdrawing nitro group and indium powder in strong polar solvent.

Table 3 Substitution effect of auxiliary benzoyl moiety on indium-mediated gem-difluoroallylation

Entry	Hydrazone	\mathbf{R}^3	\mathbb{R}^1	Solvent	Time/h	Yield ^a /%
1	4a	MeO	Ph	DMF	40	87
2	4b	MeO	p-Me ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄	DMF	70	71
3	4c	MeO	$CH_3CH_2 = CH$	DMF	24	79
4	4d	MeO	<i>n</i> -Heptyl	DMF	26	79
5	4e	MeO	i-Pr	DMF	24	82
6	4f	MeO	c-Hexyl	DMF	26	87
7	4 g	NO_2	Ph	DMF	20	0
8	4g	NO_2	Ph	DMSO	19	19

^a Isolated yield after column chromatography.

Next, we examined the gem-difluoroallylation of ketone-derived N-acylhydrazones 6a—6d with BDFP 2 (Table 4). Interestingly, no reaction occurred when the reaction was performed with indium powder in DMF. Fortunately, the gem-difluoroallylation proceeded smoothly if zinc powder was used instead of indium powder and the desired tertiary amine derivatives 7a-7d were afforded in medium yields, even for the sterically hindered cyclopentanone-derived N-benzoylhydrazone 6d. According to the above results, one conclusion could be made that the reactivity of the gem-difluoroallylation of ketone-derived N-acylhydrazones mediated by zinc powder was higher than that mediated by indium powder, which is in line with Burton^{6g} and Kirihara's^{6j} results.

Table 4 Zinc-mediated gem-difluoroallylation of ketonederived N-acylhydrazones

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Entry	Hydrazone	\mathbb{R}^1	\mathbb{R}^2	Time/h	Yield ^a /%
1	6a	Ph	Me	24	45
2	6b	Me	Me	14	47
3	6c	Et	Me	24	40
4	6 d	-(CH ₂) ₄ -		24	45

^a Isolated yield after column chromatography.

The synthesized α,α -difluorohomoallylic hydrazide derivatives were easily subjected to cleavage of the N-N bond to afford the corresponding gem-difluorohomoallylic amines, which could be further converted to other versatile building blocks and gem-difluorinated intermediates. As a representative example, treatment of benzohydrazide 3a in methanol with SmI₂ utilizing the N—N bond cleavage method developed by Friestad group 14 smoothly provided the desired primary gem-difluorohomoallylic amine 8 in 88% yield (Scheme 1). Since the boiling point of amine 8 was low and slightly difficult to handle, trifluoroacetylation of 8 would give the trifluoroacetamide 9 in 80% yield, which, in our opinion, could be recognized as a novel gem-difluorinated building block for synthesis of other gem-difluoromethylene-containing compounds. In addition, gem-difluorohomoallylic amine 8 was also readily transformed to a versatile intermediate, gem-difluoro- δ substituted α,β -unsaturated lactam 11 via acryloylation followed by RCM catalyzed by Grubbs II catalyst (8 mol%).

In conclusion, we reported the practical gem-difluoroallylation of aldehyde-derived acylhydrazones mediated by indium powder with 3-bromo-3,3-difluoropropene.

Scheme 1

This general and easily repeatable procedure afforded various gem-difluorohomoallylic hydrazine derivatives in high yields. A lot of functional groups were tolerable for this mild and operationally simple reaction condition. Via substitution of zinc powder for indium powder, gem-difluoroallylation of ketone-derived N-acylhydrazones also provided the corresponding α,α -difluorohomoallylic hydrazides in medium yields. The N—N bond cleavage of the hydrazide proceeded smoothly to give the corresponding gem-difluorohomoallylic amine, which could be converted to gem-difluoro- δ -substituted α,β -unsaturated lactam via acryloylation followed by RCM. Further developing asymmetric gem-difluoroallylation of the hydrazones using chiral catalysts or chiral auxiliaries is in active progress.

Experimental section

Reagents and apparatus

All reagents were used as received from commercial sources, unless specified otherwise, or prepared as described in the literature. Dichloromethane and DMF were distilled from CaH_2 . ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM300 spectrometer. ¹⁹F NMR was recorded on a Bruker AM300 spectrometer (CFCl₃ as outside standard and low field is positive). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in Hz. Melting points are uncorrected. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

Representative general procedure for the preparation of hydrazones

The benzoic hydrazide **1a** (25 mmol) was added to a hexane solution (120 mL) containing benzaldehyde (37 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 h. The crystallized solid was filtered and washed with hexane. The pure hydrazone was obtained by recrystallization from absolute EtOH (5.43 g, 97% yield).

(*E*)-*N'*-Octylidenebenzohydrazide (1m): White solid, m.p. 77—78 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, J=5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.35—2.28 (m, 2H), 1.47—1.45 (m, 2H), 1.26 (br, 8H), 0.87 (t, J=5.4 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr) v: 3261, 3063, 1651, 1627, 1539, 1286 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 247 (M+H)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₂₂N₂O: C 73.13, H 9.00, N 11.37; found C 73.10, H 9.02, N 11.35.

(*E*)-*N'*-(2-(Benzyloxy)ethylidene)benzohydrazide (1o): White solid, m.p. 110—112 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 300 MHz) δ: 8.34 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (t, J=4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.82—7.74 (m, 5H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.71 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 2H); IR (KBr) ν : 3196, 3034, 1645, 1571, 1359 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 269 (M+H)⁺, 286 (M+NH₄)⁺, 291 (M+Na)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₂: C 71.62, H 6.01, N

10.44; found C 71.51, H 6.00, N 10.36.

(*S,E*)-*N'*-[(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methylene]benzohydrazide (1q): White solid, m.p. 163—165 °C; [α] $_{\rm D}^{25}$ 44.5 (*c* 0.83, CHCl₃); $^{\rm 1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 10.03 (br, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J*=3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J*=5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (t, *J*=8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90—3.86 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H); IR (KBr) *v*: 3315, 3074, 1648, 1557, 1368, 1058 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 249 (M+H)⁺, 271 (M+Na)⁺, 519 (2M+Na)⁺; HRMS calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_3$ Na 271.1053, found 271.1064. Anal. calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_3$: C 62.89, H 6.50, N 11.28; found C 63.01, H 6.47, N 11.29.

(*E*)-*N*′-(**4**-(**Dimethylamino**)**benzylidene**)-**4**-**methoxybenzohydrazide** (**4b**): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 232—234 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 300 MHz) δ: 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.01 (s, 6H); IR (KBr) v: 3244, 3056, 1645, 1606, 1180 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 298 (M+H)⁺, 320 (M+Na)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₂: C 68.67, H 6.44, N 14.13; found C 68.32, H 6.54, N 13.91.

(*E*)-*N*′-((*E*)-But-2-enylidene)-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (4c): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 184—186 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 300 MHz) δ: 7.91 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.36—6.19 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr) ν : 3268, 3054, 3002, 1639, 1606, 1509 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 219 (M+H)⁺, 241 (M+Na)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₂: C 66.04, H 6.47, N 12.84; found C 65.66, H 6.28, N 12.73.

(*E*)-4-Methoxy-*N*'-octylidenebenzohydrazide (4d): White solid, m.p. 89—90 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 300 MHz) δ: 9.67 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (br, 1H), 6.88 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.34—2.29 (m, 2H), 1.49—1.46 (m, 2H), 1.27 (br, 8H), 0.87 (t, J=5.7 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr) v: 3234, 1648, 1624, 1510, 1256 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 277 (M+H)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₂₄N₂O₂: C 69.53, H 8.75, N 10.14; found C 69.34, H 8.67, N 10.02.

(*E*)-4-Methoxy-*N'*-(2-methylpropylidene)benzohydrazide (4e): White solid, m.p. 183—185 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 9.47 (br, 1H), 7.81 (br, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.64 (br, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H); ESI-MS m/z: 221 (M+H)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂O₂: C 65.43, H 7.32, N 12.72; found C 65.41, H 7.36, N 12.76.

(*E*)-*N'*-(Cyclohexylmethylene)-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (4f): White solid, m.p. 169—170 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 300 MHz) δ: 7.83 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.31 (br, 1H), 1.83—1.67 (m, 5H), 1.38—1.25 (m, 5H); IR (KBr) ν : 3229, 1647, 1606, 1509, 1179 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 261 (M+H)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₂O₂: C 69.20, H 7.74, N 10.76; found C 69.14, H 7.71, N 10.65.

Representative procedure for the gem-difluoroallylation of hydrazones (Reaction mediated by indium powder or zinc powder using the same typical procedure as follows)

To a heterogeneous solution of benzaldehydederived acylhydrazone 1a (45 mg, 0.20 mmol) and indium powder (39 mg, 0.34 mmol) in anhydrous DMF was added 3-bromo-3,3-difluoropropene 2 (54 mg, 0.34 mmol) at 0 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred until the starting material 1a was completely consumed. After that, the reaction was quenched with 1 mol/L HCl (3 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL) was added. After the system was neutralized with saturated NaHCO3, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified using chromatography on silica gel to give N'-(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-enyl)benzohydrazide (3a) as a white solid (59 mg, 97% yield). m.p. 93-94 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.71 (br, 1H), 7.62– 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.51—7.31 (m, 8H), 5.98—5.80 (m, 1H), 5.63-5.58 (m, 1H), 5.45 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, $J=12.3, 9.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}); ^{13}\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3, 75.5 \text{ MHz}) \delta:$ 167.38, 134.23, 132.53, 132.02, 130.42 (t, J=24.8 Hz), 129.37, 128.90, 128.69, 128.51, 126.92, 121.32 (t, J= 8.8 Hz), 119.97 (t, J=244.8 Hz), 77.08 (t, J=32.3 Hz), 68.63 (t, J=25.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.26 (dt, J=246.8, 11.3 Hz), -106.50 (dt, J=245.1, 13.8 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3303, 3226, 3062, 1642, 1531 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 303 (M+H)⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₂N₂O 303.1304, found 303.1310.

N'-(2,2-Difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-enyl)benzohydrazide (3b): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39—7.32 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.96—5.79 (m, 1H), 5.59 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (br, 1H), 4.49—4.41 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ: 167.37, 159.93, 132.56, 131.96, 130.56 (t, J=26.7 Hz),130.50, 128.65, 126.96, 126.21, 121.15 (t, J = 10.8Hz), 120.09 (t, J=245.5 Hz), 113.90, 67.97 (t, J=24.5Hz), 55.24; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.43 (dt, J=245.6, 13.0 Hz), -106.52 (dt, J=247.0, 9.9 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3296, 3209, 3068, 1633, 1253 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 333 (M+H)⁺; HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}F_2N_2O_2$ 333.1409, found 333.1422.

N'-(2,2-Difluoro-1-p-tolylbut-3-enyl)benzohydrazide (3c): White solid, m.p. 82-83 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.71 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.51—7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40—7.30 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.98—5.80 (m, 1H), 5.61 (d, J=17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J=12.6, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (br, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.26, 138.71, 132.57, 131.95, 131.15, 131.11, 130.51 (t, J=24.0 Hz), 129.22, 128.70, 126.90, 121.20 (t, J=9.7 Hz), 120.04 (t, J=244.2 Hz), 68.44 (t, J=24.8 Hz), 21.22; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.26 (dt, J=247.6, 11.0 Hz), -106.44 (dt, J=247.3, 9.9 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3254, 1643, 1531, 1516, 1472 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 317 (M+ H) $^{+}$; HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}F_{2}N_{2}O$ 317.1460, found 317.1473.

N'-(2,2-Difluoro-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)but-3-enyl)benzohydrazide (3d): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 103-104 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.65—7.62 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41—7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33—7.26 (m, 1H), 7.00—6.95 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.02– 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.58 (dt, J=17.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J=15.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.88, 157.99, 132.76, 131.83, 130.87 (t, J=26.9 Hz), 129.76, 129.18, 128.66, 126.90, 122.78, 120.65 (t, J=5.5 Hz), 120.45 (t, J=245.8 Hz), 111.08, 60.35 (t, J=26.9 Hz), 55.73; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -104.77 (dt, J=243.6, 9.9 Hz), -107.95 (dt, J=243.6, 11.6 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3255, 1641, 1531, 1495, 1253 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS *m/z*: 333 $(M+H)^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}F_2N_2NaO_2$ 355.1229, found 355.1243.

N'-(1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3-envl)ben**zohvdrazide** (3e): White solid, m.p. 108—110 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.73 (d, J=6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64—7.61 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41— 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33—7.27 (m, 2H), 6.03—5.85 (m, 1H), 5.62 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd, J=12.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.43, 135.58, 132.48, 132.28, 132.25, 132.00, 130.38 (t, J=25.4 Hz), 130.09, 129.87, 129.76, 128.70, 126.96, 121.51 (d, J=9.2 Hz), 119.84 (t, J=246.6 Hz), 63.72 (t, J=25.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.96 (dt, J=245.3, 12.1 Hz), -107.39 (dt, J=245.1, 12.4 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3294, 3238, 3061, 1641, 1534, 1475 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 337 (M+H)⁺, 359 $(M+Na)^+$, 375 $(M+K)^+$, 695 $(2M+Na)^+$; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₆ClF₂N₂O 337.0914, found 337.0924.

N'-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3-enyl)ben**zohydrazide** (**3f**): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 73—74 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.63—7.60 (m, 3H), 7.54—7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43—7.26 (m, 6H), 5.98—5.80 (m, 1H), 5.62 (d, J=17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J=12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J=12.3, 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.49, 134.88, 132.76, 132.21, 132.16, 130.73, 130.13 (t, J=26.0 Hz), 128.77, 126.88, 121.72 (t, J=8.6 Hz), 119.62 (t, J=244.7 Hz), 67.96 (t, J= 24.8 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.03 (dt, J=247.3, 10.4 Hz), -107.14 (dt, J=248.2, 9.0 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3290, 1647, 1491, 1467, 1092 cm ESI-MS m/z: 337 (M + H) +; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₆ClF₂N₂O 337.0914, found 337.0929.

N'-(1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2.2-difluorobut-3-enyl)ben**zohydrazide** (**3g**): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.75 (d, J=9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64—7.61 (m, 2H), 7.53— 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.41—7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30—7.25 (m, 3H), 5.98-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.63 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, $J=11.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.50 \text{ (dd, } J=12.3, 9.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}); ^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.65, 136.34 (t, J=2.0 Hz), 134.40, 132.29, 132.13, 130.08 (t, J=25.5 Hz), 129.37, 129.12, 128.72, 127.79, 126.97, 126.84, 121.76 (t, J=10.0 Hz), 119.55 (t, J=244.8 Hz), 68.07 (t, J=26.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -104.69 (dt, J=246.8, 13.5 Hz), -107.12 (dt, J=246.5, 12.1 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3306, 3256, 3064, 1633, 1532, 694 cm $^{-1}$; ESI-MS m/z: 337 (M + H) +; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₆ClF₂N₂O 337.0914, found 337.0928.

N'-(1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3-enyl)benzohydrazide (3h): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.71—7.61 (m, 4H), 7.53—7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 —7.36 (m, 3H), 7.29—7.26 (m, 1H), 6.02—5.85 (m, 1H), 5.67—5.59 (m, 1H), 5.49 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (br, 1H), 5.13 (t, J=11.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ: 167.62, 136.29, 135.17, 132.26, 132.15, 131.05 (t, J=2.6 Hz), 130.15 (t, J=26.3 Hz), 129.52, 128.73, 127.36, 126.96, 121.84 (t, J=9.8 Hz), 119.53 (t, J=246.6 Hz), 63.28 (t, J=24.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -106.80 (d, J=7.1 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3308, 3059, 1641, 1473, 1313 cm⁻¹ ESI-MS m/z: 371 (M+H)⁺, 391 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₅Cl₂F₂N₂O 371.0524, found 371.0537.

N'-(2,2-Difluoro-1-(3-nitrophenyl)but-3-enyl)benz**ohydrazide** (3i): Liquid, 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J=8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63—7.60 (m, 2H), 7.56— 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.05—5.88 (m, 1H), 5.64 (d, J=17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (t, J=9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.90, 148.25, 136.59 (t, J=2.6 Hz), 135.87, 132.33, 131.96, 129.70 (t, J=25.4 Hz), 129.45, 128.79, 126.92, 124.27, 123.93, 122.38 (t, J=4.9 Hz), 119.12 (t, J= 243.9 Hz), 67.76 (t, J=26.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -103.23 (dt, J=250.1, 9.9 Hz), -108.36 (dt, J=249.3, 15.5 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3294, 1645, 1581, 1532, 1353 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 348 (M+H)⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₂N₃O₃ 348.1154, found 348.1168.

N'-(1-(2,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3enyl)benzohydrazide (3j): White solid, m.p. 78—80 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃SOCD₃, 300 MHz) δ : 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.82—7.79 (m, 2H), 7.54— 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44—7.39 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.38—6.32 (m, 2H), 6.18—6.01 (m, 1H), 5.64— 5.57 (m, 2H), 5.48 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (t, J=11.4Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (CD₃SOCD₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 205.63, 166.86, 158.66, 157.92, 133.03, 131.57 (t, J=12.5 Hz), 131.07, 128.35, 127.25, 120.57, 120.04 (t, J=9.7 Hz), 118.50, 106.99 (dd, J=330.7, 324.0 Hz), 63.08 (t, J=25.6 Hz); 19 F NMR (CD₃SOCD₃, 282 MHz) δ : -104.73 (dt, J=245.6, 9.6 Hz), -107.23 (dt, J=243.9, 13.5 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3280, 1623, 1518, 1313, 997 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 335 (M+H)⁺, 357 (M+Na)⁺, 691 $(2M + Na)^{+}$; HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{16}F_{2}N_{2}NaO_{3}$ 357.1021, found 357.1038.

(E)-N'-(4,4-Difluoro-1-phenylhexa-1,5-dien-3-yl)benzohydrazide (3k): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t,

J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41—7.25 (m, 7H), 6.74 (d, J=15.9Hz, 1H), 6.13-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.74 (d, J=17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (br, 1H), 4.10-4.07 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.50, 137.73, 135.98, 132.51, 132.07, 130.57 (t, J=25.9 Hz), 128.79, 128.68, 128.41, 126.96, 126.79, 121.38 (t, J=8.6 Hz), 119.96 (t, J=245.7 Hz), 67.21 (t, J=26.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.13 (dt, J=262.8, 9.6 Hz), -107.21 (dt, J=263.1, 12.9 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3279, 1641, 1579, 1319, 969 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS *m/z*: 329 $(M + H)^{+}$, 351 $(M + Na)^{+}$; HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₈F₂N₂NaO 351.1279, found 351.1296.

(E)-N'-(3,3-Difluorohepta-1,5-dien-4-vl)benzohvdrazide (31): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.75—7.72 (m, 2H), 7.54—7.49 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.05—5.83 (m, 2H), 5.70 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.54—5.49 (m, 1H), 5.42—5.34 (m, 1H), 4.67 (br, 1H), 3.90-3.81 (m, 1H), 1.71 (dd, J=6.3, 1.2 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.30, 134.70, 132.62, 131.98, 130.65 (t, J=27.4 Hz), 128.71, 126.95, 123.34 (t, J=2.0 Hz), 120.94 (t, J=9.2 Hz), 120.10 (t, J=245.3 Hz), 67.03 (t, J=25.1 Hz), 18.16; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.43 (dt, J=213.9, 12.7 Hz), -107.47 (ddd, J=247.6, 12.1, 7.9 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3286, 3064, 1642, 1537, 1317 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 267 (M + H) +; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₇F₂N₂O 267.1304, found 267.1299.

N'-(3,3-Difluoroundec-1-en-4-vl)benzohvdrazide (3m): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J=8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.16—5.98 (m, 1H), 5.73 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (br, 1H), 3.22-3.12 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.26 (m, 9H), 0.88 (t, J=6.6 Hz, 3H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ: 166.79, 132.64, 131.92, 130.35 (t, J=26.2 Hz), 128.71, 126.92, 121.90 (t, J=243.4 Hz), 120.74 (t, J=9.1 Hz), 65.33 (dd, J=26.9, 21.5 Hz), 31.80, 29.65, 29.01, 27.73 (d, J=2.7 Hz), 26.15, 22.65, 4.73; 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -102.96 (dt, J=249.6 Hz, 10.7 Hz), -107.26 (ddd, J=249.3, 14.1, 8.2 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3304, 1639, 1536, 1468, 989 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 325 (M+H)⁺, 671 $(2M+Na)^{+}$; HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{27}F_{2}N_{2}O$ 325.2086, found 325.2100.

N'-(4,4-Difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-3-yl)benzohydrazide (3n): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.72—7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50—7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42 —7.36 (m, 2H), 6.17—5.99 (m, 1H), 5.77—5.70 (m, 1H), 5.50 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (br, 1H), 3.05— 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.15 (dd, J=6.9, 1.2)Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.57, 132.70, 131.88, 131.13 (t, J= 25.3 Hz), 128.70, 126.90, 122.06 (t, J = 246.2 Hz), 120.34 (t, J=8.8 Hz), 69.79 (dd, J=25.1, 22.1 Hz), 27.13, 21.00, 17.94; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -100.05 (dt, J=251.8, 10.4 Hz), -103.22 (dt, J=251.3, 12.4 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3300, 3066, 1713, 1639, 1506, 1224 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 269 (M+H)⁺, 291

 $(M + Na)^{+}$, 559 $(2M + Na)^{+}$; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₉F₂N₂O 269.1460, found 269.1467.

N'-(1-(Benzyloxy)-3,3-difluoropent-4-en-2-vl)benz**ohydrazide** (**3o**): Liquid, 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43—7.28 (m, 7H), 6.18—6.01 (m, 1H), 5.75 (d, J=17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (br, 1H), 4.69 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80—3.75 (m, 1H), 3.72—3.63 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ: 166.64, 137.55, 132.67, 131.89, 130.39 (t, J=25.6 Hz), 128.69, 128.55, 127.96, 127.92, 126.93, 120.89 (t, J=9.7 Hz), 120.14 (t, J=242.4 Hz), 73.39, 67.06 (q, J=2.9 Hz), 63.72 (t, J=25.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -102.56 (dt, J=254.6, 8.7 Hz), -106.32 (dt, J=255.5, 12.4 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3300, 3065, 1651, 1535, 1455 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS *m/z*: $347 (M+H)^+$, $369 (M+Na)^+$, $384 (M+K)^+$; HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₂₁F₂N₂O₂ 347.1566, found 347.1582.

N'-(1-Cyclohexyl-2,2-difluorobut-3-enyl)benzohy**drazide** (**3p**): White solid, m.p. 42—44 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.74—7.72 (m, 2H), 7.53—7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.19— 6.02 (m, 1H), 5.75 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J=11.1Hz, 1H), 5.12 (br, 1H), 3.04-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.00 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77—1.50 (m, 6H), 1.31—1.15 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.44, 132.68, 131.89, 131.19 (t, J=25.2 Hz), 128.71, 126.88, 122.14 (t, J=244.6 Hz), 120.34 (t, J=9.7 Hz), 69.96 (dd, J=26.8, 22.1 Hz), 37.32, 31.18, 28.17, 26.62, 26.45, 26.11; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -99.17 (dt, J=249.6, 12.7 Hz), -102.97 (dt, J=251.0, 12.1 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3297, 3066, 1635, 1451, 990 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS *m/z*: 309 $(M+H)^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{23}F_2N_2O$ 309.1773, found 309.1773.

N'-((R)-1-((S)-2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2,2difluorobut-3-enyl)benzohydrazide (anti-3q): Liquid, $[\alpha]_{D}^{28}$ -41.2 (c 1.90, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.72—7.69 (m, 2H), 7.53—7.48 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.26—6.08 (m, 1H), 5.77 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (br, 1H), 4.26—4.19 (m, 1H), 4.14—4.05 (m, 2H), 3.34 (dd, J=16.2, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.53, 132.77, 131.93, 130.22 (t, J=23.9 Hz), 128.73, 126.84, 121.11 (t, J=9.7 Hz), 117.17 (t, J=243.0 Hz), 109.75, 73.16 (d, J=243.0 Hz), 109.75, 1J=6.1 Hz), 67.62 (t, J=4.8 Hz), 66.39 (dd, J=28.3, 24.8 Hz), 26.39, 25.51; 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -98.64 (dt, J=255.8, 10.4 Hz), -107.01 (ddd, J=259.9, 13.3, 9.9 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3304, 1652, 1422, $1063, 991 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ESI-MS m/z: 327 (M+H)⁺, 349 (M+ Na)⁺, 675 $(2M+Na)^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}F_2N_2O_3$ 327.1515, found 317.1521.

N'-((S)-1-((S)-2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2,2difluorobut-3-enyl)benzohydrazide (syn-3q): White solid, m.p. 86—88 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ +12.2 (*c* 2.10, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J=7.5Hz, 2H), 6.15-5.98 (m, 1H), 5.74 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34—4.33 (m, 1H), 4.18 (t, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.53 (m, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.36, 132.58, 131.96, 130.84 (t, J=24.2 Hz), 128.75, 126.86, 121.23 (t, J=9.6 Hz), 116.85 (t, J= 245.1 Hz), 108.98, 73.32 (t, J=2.6 Hz), 65.41, 64.95 (d, J=2.9 Hz), 26.32, 24.78; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -103.85 (dt, J=253.0, 9.9 Hz), -105.69 (dt, J= 251.8, 11.8 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3315, 1644, 1534, 1473, 1056 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z: 327 (M+H)⁺, 349 (M+Na)⁺, 675 $(2M + Na)^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}F_2N_2O_3$ 327.1515, found 317.1523.

N'-(2,2-Difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-enyl)-4-methoxy**benzohydrazide** (5a): White solid, m.p. 106—108 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41—7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26 (br, 3H), 6.86 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.98—5.80 (m, 1H), 5.60 (d, J= 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.53—4.45 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.95, 162.59, 134.34, 130.48 (t, J=24.7 Hz), 129.39, 128.84, 128.74, 124.73, 121.25 (t, J=9.7 Hz), 119.97 (t, J=245.6 Hz), 113.94, 68.69 (t, J=25.6 Hz), 55.41; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.13 (dt, J=245.6, 12.4 Hz), -106.63 (dt, J=247.9, 13.0 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3296, 3227, 1627, 1607, 1523 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS *m/z*: 333 $(M+H)^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}F_2N_2O_2$ 333.1409, found 333.1412.

N'-(1-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3-enyl)-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (5b): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 142—144 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.60 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.98 -5.81 (m, 1H), 5.61 (d, J=17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (br, 1H), 4.37 (t, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.95 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.75, 162.48, 150.61, 130.90 (t, J = 26.3 Hz), 130.11, 128.75, 124.96, 121.71, 120.81 (t, J=9.5 Hz), 120.31 (t, J=245.1 Hz), 113.88, 112.25, 68.20 (t, J=24.8 Hz), 55.40, 40.47; 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.86 (s, 2F); IR (KBr) v: 3288, 3240, 3072, 1637, 1612, 1525 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 376 (M+H)⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₃F₂N₃NaO₂ 398.1651, found 398.1659.

(E)-N'-(3,3-Difluorohepta-1,5-dien-4-yl)-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (5c): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.73—7.69 (m, 2H), 6.94—6.90 (m, 2H), 6.05-5.84 (m, 2H), 5.71 (d, J=17.1 Hz, 1H),5.52 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.43-5.34 (m, 1H), 4.02 (br, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81-3.79 (m, 1H), 1.72 (dd, J=6.3, 1.2 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.84, 162.57, 134.61, 130.75 (t, J=24.8 Hz), 128.73, 124.86, 123.41 (t, J=4.5 Hz), 120.85 (t, J=10.0 Hz), 120.13 (t, J=244.2 Hz), 113.94, 67.08 (t, J=26.0 Hz), 55.42, 18.14: ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -115.39 (dt. J=247.9, 11.8 Hz), -117.53 (dt, J=246.5, 11.6 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3289, 1637, 1608, 1463, 1259 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 297 (M+H)⁺, 319 (M+Na)⁺, 351 (M+ MeOH + Na) $^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}F_2N_2O_2$ 297.1409, found 297.1423.

N'-(3,3-Difluoroundec-1-en-4-yl)-4-methoxybenzo**hydrazide** (5d): Liquid, 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.73—7.69 (m, 2H), 6.95—6.91 (m, 2H), 6.15-5.98 (m, 1H), 5.73 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (br, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.21—3.11 (m, 1H), 1.73—1.66 (m, 1H), 1.62—1.59 (m, 2H), 1.56 -1.27 (m, 9H), 0.87 (t, J=6.6 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.45, 162.53, 130.44 (t, J= 24.0 Hz), 128.71, 124.88, 121.90 (t, J = 243.6 Hz), 120.67 (t, J=8.0 Hz), 113.94, 65.36 (dd, J=27.3, 23.0 Hz), 55.40, 31.80, 29.67, 28.99, 27.73 (d, J=4.7 Hz), 26.14, 22.63, 14.06; 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ: -103.01 (dt, J=249.3, 10.4 Hz), -107.32 (ddd, J=249.9, 14.1, 8.2 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3298, 1637, 1608, 1467, 1258 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 355 (M+H)⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₂₉F₂N₂O₂ 355.2192, found 355.2203.

N'-(4,4-Difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-3-yl)-4-metho**xybenzohydrazide** (**5e**): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.79 (br, 1H), 7.72—7.67 (m, 2H), 6.94—6.89 (m, 2H), 6.19—6.02 (m, 1H), 5.79—5.72 (m, 1H), 5.53 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (br, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.05-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.05 - 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.17 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.2)Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.23, 162.49, 131.22 (t, J=25.5 Hz), 128.68, 124.94, 122.08 (t, J=244.9 Hz), 120.26 (t, J= 9.7 Hz), 113.94, 69.80 (dd, J=26.2, 21.6 Hz), 55.40, 27.16, 21.03, 17.96; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -100.07 (dt, J=267.6, 9.9 Hz), -103.31 (dt, J=267.6, 12.3 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3299, 1631, 1609, 1512, 1258 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 299 (M+H)⁺, 321 (M $+ \text{ Na)}^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}F_2N_2O_2$ 299.1566, found 299.1576.

N'-(1-Cyclohexyl-2,2-difluorobut-3-enyl)-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (5f): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.20—6.02 (m, 1H), 5.76 (d, J=17.4Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (br, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.03—2.94 (m, 1H), 2.04—1.99 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.54 (m, 6H), 1.31—1.21 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.12, 162.50, 131.26 (t, J=25.4 Hz), 128.67, 124.92, 122.14 (t, J=243.2 Hz), 120.23 (t, J=10.0 Hz), 113.93, 69.96 (dd, J=25.0, 22.1 Hz), 55.40, 37.31, 31.18 (d, J=3.0 Hz), 28.17, 26.64, 26.46, 26.13; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -99.24 (dt, J=252.7, 8.2 Hz), -103.10 (dt, J=251.5, 13.0 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3298, 1634, 1608, 1257, 1180 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 339 $(M + H)^+$, 361 $(M + Na)^+$; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₅F₂N₂O₂ 339.1879, found 339.1892.

N'-(2,2-Difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-enyl)-4-nitrobenzo**hydrazide** (5g): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 122—124 $^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 8.26 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J=3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 -7.37 (m, 5H), 5.97-5.80 (m, 1H), 5.62 (d, J=17.1Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (br, 1H), 4.52 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -105.81 (d, J=12.4 Hz), -105.89 (d, J=12.1 Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3313, 3004, 1641, 1600, 1523 cm⁻¹ ESI-MS m/z: 348 (M + H) +; HRMS calcd for

 $C_{17}H_{15}F_2N_3NaO_3$ 370.0974, found 370.0973. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₅F₂N₃O₃: C 58.79, H 4.35, N 12.10; found C 56.95, H 4.55, N 10.01.

N'-(3,3-Difluoro-2-phenylpent-4-en-2-yl)benzohydrazide (7a): White solid, m.p. 64—66 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.63 (t, J=6.3 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41—7.34 (m, 5H), 5.99—5.81 (m, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.89, 138.27, 132.49, 131.93, 130.02 (t, J=24.5 Hz), 128.72, 128.36, 128.26, 128.11, 126.85, 121.18 (t, J=9.5 Hz), 117.88 (t, J=210.5 Hz), 67.38 (t, J=25.7 Hz), 17.62 (t, J=2.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -107.37 (dd, J=245.1, 11.8 Hz), -109.52 (dd, J=244.2, 14.1)Hz); IR (KBr) v: 3284, 3063, 1711, 1648, 1456 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 317 (M+H)⁺, 339 (M+Na)⁺, 655 (2M+ Na)⁺; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 317.1460, found 317.1466.

N'-(3,3-Difluoro-2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)benzohy**drazide** (7b): White solid, m.p. 130—132 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.75 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56– 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.25—6.07 (m, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (br, 1H), 1.23 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 167.17, 132.57, 131.98, 130.13 (t, J = 25.4 Hz), 128.79, 126.33, 122.63 (t, J=279.4 Hz), 120.89 (t, J= 9.7 Hz), 61.51 (t, J=22.6 Hz), 19.89, 19.86; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -110.59 (d, J=9.3 Hz, 2F); IR (KBr) v: 3279, 3197, 1637, 1462, 1056 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 255 (M+H)⁺, 277 (M+Na)⁺, 313 (M+K)⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₆F₂N₂NaO 277.1123, found 277.1129.

N'-(4,4-Difluoro-3-methylhex-5-en-3-yl)benzohydrazide (7c): Liquid, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.72 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55—7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, J=7.5Hz, 2H), 6.25—6.08 (m, 1H), 5.70 (d, J=17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (br, 1H), 1.69-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR $(CDCl_3, 75.5 \text{ MHz}) \delta$: 166.67, 132.69, 131.85, 130.38 (t, J=27.1 Hz), 128.75, 126.85, 123.38 (t, J=247.6 Hz), 120.61 (t, J=10.1 Hz), 63.51 (t, J=24.7 Hz), 25.38 (t, J = 1.7 Hz), 15.35 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.42; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -107.34 (dd, J=245.9, 9.0 Hz), -108.46 (dd, J=250.4, 14.1 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3294, 3066, 1641, 1467, 1174, 1082 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS *m/z*: 269 $\left(M+H\right)^{+}$, 291 $\left(M+Na\right)^{+}$; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₉F₂N₂O 269.1460, found 269.1474.

N'-(1-(1,1-Difluoroallyl)cyclopentyl)benzohydrazide (7d): White solid, m.p. 84-86 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.74—7.72 (m, 2H), 7.57—7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43—7.41 (m, 2H), 6.31—6.13 (m, 1H), 5.79 -5.72 (m, 1H), 5.54 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (br, 1H), 1.87 (br, 4H), 1.67 (br, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 166.73, 132.57, 131.91, 130.86 (t, J=25.0 Hz), 128.75, 126.83, 122.79 (t, J=245.4 Hz), 120.52 (t, J=9.7 Hz), 72.66 (t, J=24.8 Hz), 31.24 (t, J=2.4 Hz), 25.25; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -107.10 (d, *J*=11.6 Hz); IR (KBr) *v*: 3294, 3213, 1622, 1557, 1465

 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z: 281 (M+H)⁺, 303 (M+Na)⁺, 583 $(2M+Na)^{+}$; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}F_{2}N_{2}O$ 281.1460, found 281.1473.

2,2-Difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-amine (8): To a solution of 3a (45 mg, 0.15 mmol) in MeOH (0.5 mL) under N₂ was added SmI₂ (5 mL, 0.1 mol/L in THF) dropwise. After 30 min, the dark blue solution was opened to air, and the color changed to yellow. Removal of all the solvent in vacuo and flash chromatography [$V(\text{hexane}) : V(\text{EtOAc}) : V(\text{Et}_3\text{N}) = 4 : 1 : 0.005$] of the residue gave the compound 8 (24 mg, 88% yield) as a clear oil: ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.36—7.26 (m, 5H), 5.90—5.73 (m, 1H), 5.57 (d, J=17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J=10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, J=11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.21(br, 2H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 137.63, 130.41 (t, J=19.6 Hz), 128.30, 128.23, 128.15, 120.88 (t, J=7.0 Hz), 120.61 (t, J=183.2 Hz), 60.86 (t, J=21.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -106.80 (dt, J=241.1, 10.7 Hz), -109.00 (dt, J=241.4, 11.8 Hz); IR (thin film) v: 3105, 3035, 1455, 1404, 990 cm $^{-1}$; ESI-MS m/z: 184 (M + H) +; HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₁F₂N 184.0932, found 184.0937.

N-(2,2-Difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-enyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (9): Trifluoroacetic anhydride (207 mg, 0.98 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 8 in 3 mL of anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature. After 12 h the reaction was concentrated in vacuo and flash chromatography gave compound 9 (110 mg, 80% yield). White solid, m.p. 78—79 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.40—7.26 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.84—5.66 (m, 2H), 5.53—5.49 (m, 1H), 5.42—5.30 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 156.54 (q, J=28.7 Hz), 132.76, 129.49 (t, J=19.1 Hz), 129.19, 128.86, 128.09, 122.20 (t, J=6.7 Hz), 118.65 (t, J= 184.9 Hz), 114.05 (t, J=216.4 Hz), 57.69 (t, J=20.2Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : -76.16 (s, 3F), -106.67 (ddd, J=244.8, 11.3, 4.2 Hz, 1F), -108.22(ddd, J=245.5, 14.7, 6.2 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) v: 3316, 1712, 1560, 1212, 1184 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 297 (M+ NH_4)⁺, 302 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}F_5NO$ 279.0683, found 279.0674. Anal. calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}F_5NO$: C 51.62, H 3.61, N 5.02; found C 51.60, H 3.64, N 5.03.

N-(2,2-Difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-enyl)acrylamide (**10**): White solid, m.p. 99—100 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.38—7.24 (m, 6H), 6.34—6.20 (m, 2H), 5.86—5.73 (m, 1H), 5.66—5.50 (m, 3H), 5.40 (d, J= 10.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ : 165.65, 135.23, 135.21, 130.88 (t, J=19.3 Hz), 128.87, 128.80, 128.77, 127.89, 121.57 (t, J=7.2 Hz), 119.68 (t, J= 184.1 Hz), 57.52 (t, J=20.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz) δ : - 104.91 (dt, J = 242.8, 13.8 Hz, 1F), -105.99 (dt, J=245.3, 12.7 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) v: 3337, 1660, 1629, 1540, 1232, 995 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS *m/z*: 238 $(M+H)^{+}$; HRMS calcd for $C_{13}H_{14}F_{2}NO$ 238.1038, found 238.1042. Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₃F₂NO: C 65.81, H 5.52, N 5.90; found C 65.58, H 5.69, N 5.73.

5,5-Difluoro-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyridin-2(1H)one (11): White solid, m.p. 171-173 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 7.43 (s, 5H), 6.65—6.58 (m, 1H), 6.29-6.25 (m, 2H), 4.97 (dd, J=19.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.7 MHz) δ : 164.0, 134.7 (dd, J=32.3, 27.2 Hz), 132.0, 130.2 (t, J=10.3 Hz), 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 114.2 (dd, J=247.1, 236.7 Hz), 61.6 (dd, J=33.0, 26.5 Hz); 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz,) δ : -100.34 (dd, J=278.9, 18.3 Hz, 1F), -103.54 (d, J=274.4 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr) v: 3189, 3072, 1702, 1631, 1411, 1062 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS m/z: 210 (M+H)⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₀F₂NO 210.0725, found 210.0726.

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