

# Copper-Promoted Trifluoromethanesulfonylation and Trifluoromethylation of Arenediazonium Tetrafluoroborates with NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: A tunable chemoselective trifluoromethanesulfonylation and trifluoromethylation of arenediazonium tetrafluoroborates with Langlois' reagent (NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>) was developed. The Cu<sub>2</sub>O-catalyzed reaction in DMSO gave aryl trifluoromethanesulfones as the major products. On the other hand, the trifluoromethylated arenes were produced in the presence of oxidant tert-butyl hydroperoxide, CuBF<sub>4</sub>(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>, and 2,2';6',2"-terpyridine (tpy). Both of these transformations proceed under mild conditions and tolerate functional groups.

# INTRODUCTION

Incorporation of fluorine-containing groups into aromatic compounds is extremely important in pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries, because fluorine-containing groups could impart unique chemical and physical properties to aromatic compounds including improved metabolic stability, higher lipophilicity, and better bioavailability. Consequently, the preparation of fluorinated aromatic compounds has attached continuous interest in organic synthesis. Recently, tremendous new synthetic methods have been developed, mainly involving transition-metal-catalyzed/mediated fluorination/fluoroalkylation reactions.<sup>2</sup> The Sandmeyer reaction is widely used for the preparation of functionalized arenes from aryl diazonium salts, which are easily accessible from commercially available anilines. The transformation of anilines to aryl fluorides, named the Balz-Schiemann reaction, is a typical example (Scheme 1a). Very recently, the Sandmeyer-type reactions have proven to be an efficient strategy to introduce fluorine-containing groups, including trifluoromethyl (CF<sub>3</sub>),<sup>5</sup> trifluoromethylthio (SCF<sub>3</sub>), difluoromethyl (CF<sub>2</sub>H), difluoromethylthio (SCF<sub>2</sub>H), and perfluoroalkyl (R<sub>F</sub>), into the aromatic rings (Scheme 1b). Inspired by these advances, we wondered if aryl trifluoromethanesulfones (ArSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>) could be prepared from aryl diazonium salts.

Aryl trifluoromethanesulfones are important structural motifs frequently found in bioactive compounds, 10 chiral catalysts, 11 and functional materials 12 taking advantage of the unique properties of the trifluoromethanesulfonyl group (SO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>).<sup>13</sup> more than half a century, various methods have been developed for the preparation of these compounds. 2w,14 Among them, the electrophilic and nucleophilic trifluoromethanesulfonylation (triflylation) of aromatic substrates provided the most direct approaches to aryl trifluoromethanesulfones. However, the electrophilic triflylation suffered from the narrow substrate scope and low reaction yields. 15 Recently, Avdeenko, 16a Shekhar, 16b and Singh<sup>16c</sup> reported the nucleophilic triflylation of several types of substrates with Langlois' reagent (NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>) (Scheme 1c). However, these substrates were not easily available. Herein, we disclose the efficient synthesis of aryl trifluoromethanesulfones from the Sandmeyer-type triflylation of easily available aryl diazonium tetrafluoroborates with NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (Scheme 1d). This protocol boasts high levels of reactivity and site selectivity.

It was noteworthy that at the beginning NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> was developed by Langlois as a trifluoromethylating reagent. 17 In the presence of an oxidant such as tert-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP), the CF<sub>3</sub> radical was generated from NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> and then reacted with electron-rich arenes and alkenes. 18 Because of the electrophilic nature of the CF<sub>3</sub> radical, the trifluoromethylation of electron-poor arenes with NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> has been less explored. In continuation of our recent research interest in trifluoromethylation, 19 we also want to report here the coppermediated Sandmeyer-type trifluoromethylation of both electron-rich and electron-deficient aryl diazonium derivatives with NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> in the presence of TBHP (Scheme 1e). Although the Sandmeyer trifluoromethylation has been independently reported by Fu,<sup>5a</sup> Wang,<sup>5b</sup> and Gooßen<sup>5c</sup> in 2013 (Scheme 1f), they employed either costly Umemoto's reagent or in situ generated moisture-sensitive [AgCF<sub>3</sub>] and [CuCF<sub>3</sub>] as trifluoromethyl sources.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We initially investigated the reaction of 4-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate 1a and NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> in MeCN

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Scheme 1. Preparation of Fluorinated Aromatic Compounds

Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

2a

| entry             | Cu salt                               | ligand | oxidant | solvent | additive           | yield (2a/3a, %) <sup>b</sup> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1                 | _                                     | _      | -       | MeCN    | _                  | 3/0                           |
| 2                 | Cu <sub>2</sub> O                     | _      | _       | MeCN    | _                  | 20/23                         |
| 3                 | Cu <sub>2</sub> O                     | _      | _       | DMF     | _                  | 14/0                          |
| 4                 | Cu <sub>2</sub> O                     | _      | _       | DMSO    | _                  | 54/0                          |
| 5                 | CuTC                                  | _      | _       | DMSO    | _                  | 45/0                          |
| 6                 | CuCN                                  | _      | _       | DMSO    | _                  | 33/0                          |
| 7                 | $Cu(OAc)_2$                           | _      | _       | DMSO    | _                  | 33/0                          |
| 8 <sup>c</sup>    | Cu <sub>2</sub> O                     | _      | _       | DMSO    | _                  | 53/0                          |
| 9 <sup>c,d</sup>  | $Cu_2O$                               | _      | _       | DMSO    | _                  | 62/0                          |
| 10                | $\mathrm{Cu_2O}$                      | _      | ТВНР    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/11                          |
| 11                | CuTc                                  | _      | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/10                          |
| 12                | $CuBF_4(MeCN)_4$                      | _      | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/15                          |
| 13                | $Cu(OAc)_2$                           | _      | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/trace                       |
| 14                | $CuBF_4(MeCN)_4$                      | Py     | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/9                           |
| 15                | $CuBF_4(MeCN)_4$                      | Bipy   | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/5                           |
| 16                | CuBF <sub>4</sub> (MeCN) <sub>4</sub> | Phen   | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/4                           |
| 17                | $CuBF_4(MeCN)_4$                      | Тру    | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/24                          |
| 18 <sup>d</sup>   | CuBF <sub>4</sub> (MeCN) <sub>4</sub> | Тру    | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/35                          |
| 19 <sup>d,e</sup> | CuBF <sub>4</sub> (MeCN) <sub>4</sub> | Тру    | TBHP    | MeCN    | _                  | 0/47                          |
| $20^{d,e}$        | CuBF <sub>4</sub> (MeCN) <sub>4</sub> | Тру    | TBHP    | MeCN    | TEA                | 0/14                          |
| $21^{d,e}$        | $CuBF_4(MeCN)_4$                      | Тру    | TBHP    | MeCN    | NaHCO <sub>3</sub> | 0/53                          |
| $22^{d,e,f}$      | CuBF <sub>4</sub> (MeCN) <sub>4</sub> | Тру    | TBHP    | MeCN    | NaHCO <sub>3</sub> | 0/59                          |
| $23^{d,e,f,g}$    | $CuBF_4(MeCN)_4$                      | Тру    | TBHP    | MeCN    | NaHCO <sub>3</sub> | 0/65                          |
|                   |                                       |        |         |         |                    |                               |

 $^a$ Reaction conditions: 1a (0.1 mmol), NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (0.15 mmol), metal salt (0.1 mol), solvent (2.0 mL), room temperature, under N<sub>2</sub>, overnight.  $^b$ Yield determined by  $^{19}$ F NMR spectroscopy using trifluoromethoxybenzene as an internal standard.  $^c$ 10 mol % Cu<sub>2</sub>O was used.  $^d$ 3.0 equiv of NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> was used. e2.0 equiv of CuBF<sub>4</sub>(MeCN)<sub>4</sub> and 2.0 equiv of ligand were added. fH<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mL) was added. gThe reaction temperature was 45 °C.

under a N2 atmosphere at room temperature. The trifluoromethanesulfonylated (triflylated) product 2a was formed in only 3% yield (Table 1, entry 1). A patent also disclosed that the reaction of 1a with KSO $_2$ CF $_3$  in MeCN gave 2a in low yield. <sup>20</sup> Inspired by Shekhar's triflylation method, <sup>16b</sup> the addition of Cu<sub>2</sub>O to the reaction mixture afforded 2a in 20% yield along

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with the trifluoromethylated product 3a in 23% yield (entry 2). With these initial results in hand, we continued to optimize the reaction conditions for selective formation of 2a and 3a. A slightly lower yield of 2a was observed in DMF, while the yield sharply increased to 54% in DMSO (entries 3 and 4). Compound 3a was not detected in DMF or DMSO. Other copper salts, including CuTC, CuCN, and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, were then screened (entries 5–7). However, none of them gave better results. To our delight, the yield of 2a (54%) in the presence of the catalytic amount of Cu<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol %) was similar to that of the stoichiometric amount of Cu<sub>2</sub>O (entry 8). Finally, the yield of 2a was improved to 62% when 3.0 equiv of NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> were used (entry 9).

After obtaining the optimal reaction conditions for trifluoromethanesulfonylation, we then focused on the exploration of trifluoromethylation. It is well-known that NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> easily reacts with TBHP to generate the CF3 radical. Thus, TBHP was added to the reaction mixture to accelerate the decomposition of NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>. As we expected, the formation of 2a was totally inhibited, but the trifluoromethylated compound 3a was formed in low yield (entry 10). Among the different copper salts evaluated, CuBF<sub>4</sub>(MeCN)<sub>4</sub> proved to be more efficient than Cu<sub>2</sub>O, CuTC, and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (entries 11–13). Notably, the coordination of the ligand to copper is important to trifluoromethylation. Neither the monodentate ligand pyridine (py) nor the bidentate ligands 2,2'-bipyridine (bipy) and 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) were effective (entries 14–16). To our delight, the tridentate ligand 2,2';6',2"-terpyridine (tpy) had a beneficial effect on the reactivity, producing 3a in 24% yield (entry 17). Increasing the amount of NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, CuBF<sub>4</sub>(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>, and tpy improved the yield of 3a to 47% (entries 18 and 19). A poor yield (14%) of 3a was obtained when triethylamine (TEA) was added (entry 20). In contrast, a slightly higher yield was gained when NaHCO3 was used as the additive (entry 21). The yield of 3a was further improved to 59% using a small amount of water (0.1 mL) as the cosolvent (entry 22). Finally, the screening of reaction temperature revealed that compound 3a was formed in the highest yield (65%) when the reaction was conducted at 45 °C (entry 23).

With the optimized reaction conditions established, we first explored the substrate scope of copper-catalyzed trifluoromethanesulfonylation of arenediazonium tetrafluoroborates (Scheme 2). In general, the arenediazonium salts 1 bearing electron-withdrawing groups reacted efficiently to afford the corresponding triflylated products 2 in moderate to excellent yields. However, the electron-donating group-bearing substrates led to much lower yields, probably due to the lack of the nucleophilicity of these arenediazonium salts. The substituents, such as ester, carboxylic acid, nitrile, ketone, sulfonamide, and nitro groups, at different positions of the aromatic ring were all well tolerated (2a–2k). Di- and trisubstituted arenediazonium salts 11–1p were also compatible under the standard reaction conditions. It was noteworthy that quinoline derivative 1q proceeded smoothly to give heteroaryl trifluoromethanesulfone 2q in 45% yield.

Then, the substrate scope of copper-mediated trifluoromethylation of arenediazonium tetrafluoroborates was also investigated. As shown in Scheme 3, a range of arenediazonium tetrafluoroborates 1 were subjected to the reaction conditions, producing the trifluoromethylated arenes 3 in acceptable yields. The mild reaction conditions allowed the tolerance of electron-withdrawing groups such as ester (3a and 3s), nitrile (3c), ketones (3d and 3e), the nitro group (3g), and sulfonate (3r) as well as electron-donating groups including the aryl group

Scheme 2. Substrate Scope of Copper-Catalyzed Trifluoromethanesulfonylation of Arenediazonium Tetrafluoroborates $^a$ 

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1 (0.2 mmol), NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol), Cu<sub>2</sub>O (0.02 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL), room temperature, under  $N_2$  overnight. Yields are those of the isolated products.

# Scheme 3. Substrate scope of copper-mediated trifluoromethylation of arenediazonium tetrafluorobroates<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1 (0.2 mmol), NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol), CuBF<sub>4</sub>- (MeCN)<sub>4</sub> (0.4 mmol), Tpy (0.4 mmol), MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL/0.1 mL), 45  $^{\circ}$ C, under N<sub>2</sub>, overnight. Yields are those of the isolated products.

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(3t) and amine (3u). Notably, the bromo-containing substrates (1v and 1w) are also suitable substrates for the reaction, enabling further functionalization.

A preliminary mechanistic investigation was carried out to understand the trifluoromethylation of arenediazonium tetra-fluoroborates using  $NaSO_2CF_3$  as the trifluoromethyl source. Under the standard conditions, a radical clock substrate 1y was transformed into cyclized product 4 in 84% yield (Scheme 4a).

#### Scheme 4. Mechanistic Experiments

This result revealed that the radical process was involved in this transformation. Furthermore, the trifluoromethylation reaction was monitored by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy (see the Supporting Information). When TBHP was added to the mixture of CuBF<sub>4</sub>(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>, NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, and Tpy in MeCN, NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> was totally converted into CuCF<sub>3</sub> species. Then treatment of CuCF<sub>3</sub> species with arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate **1w** gave trifluoromethylated product **3w** in 43% yield (Scheme 4b).

On the basis of the above experimental results, a plausible mechanism of this Sandmeyer trifluoromethylation was shown in Scheme 5. The Cu(I) species transferred a single electron to

## Scheme 5. Proposed Mechanism

diazonium salt **A** to give diazo radical **B**, which released nitrogen gas with the formation of an aryl radical C. On the other hand, t-BuOOH was transformed into the t-BuO radical in the presence of Cu(I) species. Then the reaction of the t-BuO radical with NaSO $_2$ CF $_3$  gave the CF $_3$  radical, which reacted with Cu(I) species to afford the corresponding Cu(II) species **D**. Finally, the aryl radical **C** abstracted the CF $_3$  group from intermediate **D** to give trifluoromethylated arenes and the Cu(I) species. Sc,6b,7,8 As the reaction of NaSO $_2$ CF $_3$  and t-BuOOH in the presence of a Cu salt released the CF $_3$  radical rapidly, the excess amounts of CuBF $_4$ (MeCN) $_4$  and tpy were required to stabilize the CF $_3$  radical in this reaction process.

#### CONCLUSION

We have developed a tunable copper-promoted trifluoromethanesulfonylation and trifluoromethylation of arenediazonium tetrafluoroborates with Langlois' reagent by the appropriate choice of the reaction conditions. The triflylation strategy is an important complement to the previously reported triflylation methods, while the employment of stable and inexpensive NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> as the CF<sub>3</sub> source is a valuable extension of the Sandmeyer trifluoromethylation. A variety of functional groups are well tolerated in these transformations. Thus, these protocols provide an alternative approach for the preparation of both aryl trifluoromethanesulfones and trifluoromethylated arenes. Work is ongoing to develop conditions for triflylation of electron-rich arenediazonium salts and to reduce the amounts of Cu salt and ligand in Sandmeyer trifluoromethylation reactions.

# **■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

**General Experimental Methods.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (TMS as the internal standard), <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CFCl<sub>3</sub> as the outside standard and low field is positive), and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. HRMS data using ESI were obtained on an ESI-FTMS mass spectrometer; HRMS data using EI were obtained on a GC-TOF mass spectrometer. The diazonium salts were prepared from the corresponding anilines following the procedures below and were directly used. Sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, 95%) was purchased from TCI and used without further purification. All other starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification. 2a, <sup>16b</sup> 2b, <sup>21</sup> 2c, <sup>14f</sup> 2d, <sup>22</sup> 2e, <sup>23</sup> 2f, <sup>16b</sup> 2g, <sup>16b</sup> 2h, <sup>14f</sup> 2i, <sup>24</sup> 3a, <sup>5b</sup> 3c, <sup>5c</sup> 3d, <sup>25</sup> 3e, <sup>5a</sup> 3g, <sup>26</sup> 3r, <sup>5b</sup> 3s, <sup>5b</sup> 3t, <sup>27</sup> 3u, <sup>5c</sup> 3v, <sup>28</sup> 3w, <sup>5b</sup> and 3x, <sup>5b</sup> are all known compounds.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Arenediazonium Tetrafluoroborates. Procedure A. <sup>5c</sup> In a 50 mL round-bottom flask, the aniline (10.0 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of absolute ethanol (3.0 mL) and an aqueous solution of HBF<sub>4</sub> (40%, 3.1 mL, 20.0 mmol). tert-Butyl nitrite (2.7 mL, 20 mmol) was added dropwise by a syringe to the solution at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, and diethyl ether (20 mL) was added to precipitate the arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate. Then the mixture was filtered off and washed with diethyl ether (3 × 10 mL). The arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate was dried in vacuo for 30 min and used without further purification.

Procedure  $B^{.5a}$  To a 50 mL round-bottom flask containing HCl (6 mL) and  $H_2O$  (6 mL) was added aniline (25.0 mmol). Aniline hydrochloride crystals were formed at 0-5 °C, and then sodium nitrite (1.79 g, 26.0 mmol) in  $H_2O$  (4 mL) was added dropwise, followed by addition of sodium tetrafluoroborate (3.95 g, 36.0 mmol) in  $H_2O$  (8 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for another 10 min at 5 °C. The arenediazonium salt solid was filtered off and then washed with 5% sodium tetrafluoroborate (3 × 10 mL), followed by methanol (2 × 15 mL). The crude product was purified by recrystallization with acetone and cold diethyl ether. The obtained arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate was dried in vacuo for 30 min and used without further purification.

General Procedure for Trifluoromethanesulfonylation of Arenediazonium Tetrafluoroborate. A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cu<sub>2</sub>O (2.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), and NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (99.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed with a septum, evacuated, and backfilled with nitrogen three times. Then DMSO (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with water (15 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the desired product.

Ethyl 4-(Trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzoate (2a). Compound 2a was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (52.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1) as the eluent, compound 2a was obtained as a white solid (34.5 mg, 60%), mp 46–48 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 164.4, 137.8, 134.9, 130.8, 130.8, 119.7 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 323.8 Hz), 62.2, 14.2. ¹³F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -78.09 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 282 [M $^+$ ]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M $^+$ ] Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S 282.0174; Found: 282.0173

*4-(Trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzoic Acid* (*2b*). Compound 2b was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-carboxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (47.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using dichloromethane/methanol (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2b was obtained as a white solid (27.1 mg, 52%), mp 250–255 °C. 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ ppm 8.39–8.27 (m, 2H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H). 

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ ppm 165.8, 138.6, 134.5, 130.8, 130.8, 119.8 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 325.2 Hz). 

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ ppm -77.95 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3101, 2853, 1697, 1370, 1287, 1204, 1218, 1141, 721, 623, 579 cm 

<sup>1</sup>. MS (EI: m/z 254 [M<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S 253.9861; Found: 253.9855.

4-(Trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzonitrile (2c). Compound 2c was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-cyanobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (43.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2c was obtained as a white solid (42.3 mg, 90%), mp 90–92 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 135.5, 133.5, 131.4, 120.4, 119.5 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 323.9 Hz), 116.5. ¹°F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.68 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 235 [M†]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M†] Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S 234.9915; Found: 234.9911.

1-(4-(Trifluoromethylsulfonyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (2d). Compound 2d was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-acetylbenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (46.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1) as the eluent, compound 2d was obtained as a white solid (30.8 mg, 61%), mp 54–56 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.27–7.95 (m, 4H), 2.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 196.3, 143.0, 134.9, 131.2, 129.4, 119.6 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 324.00 Hz), 26.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -78.05 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 252 [M<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S 252.0068; Found: 252.0070.

*Phenyl*(4-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)phenyl)methanone (2e). Compound 2e was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-benzoylbenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (59.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1) as the eluent, compound 2e was obtained as a white solid (44.0 mg, 70%), mp 92–93 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.07–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.90–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 194.6, 144.8, 135.9, 134.2, 133.8, 130.9, 130.7, 130.2, 128.8, 119.7 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 324.1 Hz). ¹³F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.99 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 314 [M $^+$ ]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M $^+$ ] Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S 314.0224; Found: 314.0229.

1-(Trifluoromethyl)-4-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (2f). Compound 2f was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (52.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2f was obtained as a white solid (33.1 mg, 58%), mp 38–40 °C.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

 $\delta$  ppm 138.0 (q, J = 33.7 Hz), 135.1, 131.5, 127.0 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 122.7 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 273.5 Hz), 119.62 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 326.3 Hz).  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -63.62 (s, 3F), -77.95 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 278 [M $^{+}$ ]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M $^{+}$ ] Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 277.9836; Found: 277.9831.

1-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (2g). Compound 2g was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (47.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2g was obtained as a white solid (31.2 mg, 61%), mp 85–86 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.52 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 152.5, 137.0, 132.4, 125.0, 119.5 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 326.0 Hz). ¹³F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.57 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 255 [M<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for  $C_7H_4F_3NO_4S$  254.9813; Found: 254.9812.

1-Nitro-3-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (2h). Compound 2h was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 3-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (47.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2h was obtained as a yellow oil (23.2 mg, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.89 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.45–8.32 (m, 1H), 7.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 148.7, 136.0, 133.7, 131.6, 131.0, 125.9, 119.5 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 325.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.57 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 255 [M<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 254.9813; Found: 254.9817.

1-Nitro-2-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (2i). Compound 2i was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 2-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (47.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2i was obtained as a yellow oil (43.6 mg, 85%).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.25–8.21 (m, 1H), 7.92–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.92–7.86 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 150.0, 137.8, 134.1, 132.9, 126.0 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.2 Hz), 125.4, 119.8 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 327.9 Hz).  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -73.39 (s, 3F). MS (EI): m/z 255 [M<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for  $C_7$ H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 254.9813; Found: 254.9819.

1-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)naphthalene (2j). Compound 2j was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-nitronaphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate (57.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2j was obtained as a yellow solid (42.7 mg, 45%), mp 75–77 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 9.00–8.84 (m, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 153.3, 133.9, 131.6, 131.0, 130.5, 125.4, 124.9 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 123.6, 120.1, 120.0 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 325.5 Hz). ¹°F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.03 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> 3098, 2927, 1534, 1364, 1209, 1108, 855, 804, 768, 621, 561 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z 305 [M⁺]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M⁺] Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 304.9970; Found: 304.9962.

N-(p-Tolyl)-4-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (2k). Compound 2k was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-(N-(p-tolyl)sulfamoyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (72.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (5/1) as the eluent, compound 2k was obtained as a white solid (44.8 mg, 59%), mp 131–135 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.00-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H). 2.31 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 146.8, 137.0, 135.4, 132.3, 131.5, 130.3, 128.6, 123.3, 119.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 325.8$  Hz), 20.9.  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.78 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3273, 3096, 1512, 1382, 1214, 1167, 1078, 927, 824, 635, 520 cm $^{-1}$ . MS (EI): m/z 379 [M $^+$ ]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M $^+$ ] Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}F_3NO_4S_2$ : 379.0160; Found: 379.0164.

1-Chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (2l). Compound 2l was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (58.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A.** After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2l was obtained as a white solid (33.8 mg, 54%), mp 36–38 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 142.2, 134.7, 133.5, 130.8 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.9 Hz). 130.0 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 5.4 Hz), 121.5 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 274.2 Hz), 119.5 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 325.8 Hz).  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -63.36 (s, 3F), -77.78 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> 3096, 1595, 1468, 1378, 1311, 1145, 1081, 837, 643, 580, 494 cm $^{-1}$ . MS (EI): m/z 312 [M $^{+}$ ]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M $^{+}$ ] Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>3</sub>ClF<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 311.9446; Found: 311.9444.

2-Chloro-1-nitro-4-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)benzene (2m). Compound 2m was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 3-chloro-4-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (54.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2m was obtained as a white solid (37.8 mg, 65%), mp 58–60 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.25 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 152.8, 135.8, 134.2, 130.1, 129.0, 126.5, 119.4 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 326.0 Hz).  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.24 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> 3100, 3015, 1544, 1373, 1212, 1079, 169, 632, 491 cm $^{-1}$ . MS (EI): m/z 289 [M $^+$ ]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M $^+$ ] Calcd for  $C_7$ H<sub>3</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 288.9423; Found: 288.9426.

2-Methyl-4-nitro-1-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (2n). Compound 2n was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 2-methyl- 4-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (50.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2n was obtained as a white solid (44.4 mg, 82%), mp 59–60 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.32–8.26 (m, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 152.0, 144.7, 135.4, 135.0, 128.0, 121.9, 119.8 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 326.4 Hz), 20.9. ¹°F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -77.50 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3105, 3034, 1538, 1360, 1202, 1133, 1044, 901, 802, 697, 626, 581, 530 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z 269 [M⁺]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M⁺] Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 268.9970; Found: 268.9973.

2-Chloro-4-nitro-1-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (20). Compound 20 was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 2-chloro-4-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (54.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 20 was obtained as a light yellow oil (37.9 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.49 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 152.2, 137.8, 136.1, 135.5, 127.9, 122.4, 119.6 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 326.9 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -75.28(s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3103, 1538, 1385, 1356, 1214, 1129, 898, 773, 683, 621, 577, 349 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z 289 [M<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>CIF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 288.9423; Found:, 288.9428.

1-Bromo-3-chloro-5-nitro-2-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)benzene (2p). Compound 2p was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 2-bromo-6-chloro-4-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (70.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 2p was obtained as a white solid (38.3 mg, 51%), mp 72–75 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.61 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 150.0, 141.3, 135.1, 130.5, 128.3, 127.3, 119.6 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 328.5 Hz). ¹³F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -74.77 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> 3088, 2921, 1538, 1395, 1344, 1223, 1130, 1101, 779, 739, 624, 579, 464 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z 369 [M<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>2</sub>BrClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 366.8529; Found: 366.8531.

3-(Trifluoromethylsulfonyl)quinoline (2q). Compound 2q was prepared following the general procedure, starting from quinoline-3-diazonium tetrafluoroborate (48.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (5/1) as the eluent, compound 2q was obtained as a white solid (24.3 mg, 45%), mp 67–69 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 9.33 (d, J=2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (d, J=2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.83–7.78 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 150.9, 147.5, 142.0, 134.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 126.1, 124.5, 119.7 (q,  $J_{C-F}=325.2$  Hz). ¹³F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -78.16 (s, 3F). IR (ATR):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3072, 2924, 1608, 1364, 1203, 1125, 1062, 838, 671, 576, 515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z 261 [M†]. HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z [M†] Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S: 261.0071; Found: 261.0068.

General Procedure for Trifluoromethylation of Arenediazonium Tetrafluoroborate with NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>. A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuBF<sub>4</sub>-(MeCN)<sub>4</sub> (125.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Tpy (93.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (33.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and NaSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (98.5 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed with a septum, evacuated, and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> three times. Then MeCN (1.0 mL) and deionized water (0.1 mL) were added. The red brown mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 5 min. Then TBHP (70 wt %, 138.7 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added dropwise by a microsyringe. The reaction mixture was heated to 45 °C. A solution of arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeCN (1.0 mL) was added dropwise by a syringe over 15 min. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 45  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ overnight. Afterward, a saturated ammonium chloride aqueous solution was added. The resulting mixture was filtered by Celite, followed by elution with diethyl ether. The water phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the desired product.

Ēthyl 4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzoate (3a). Compound 3a was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (52.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 3a was obtained as a light yellow oil (27.2 mg, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.41 (q, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 165.4, 134.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 32.7$  Hz), 133.7, 129.9, 125.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 272.7$  Hz), 61.5, 14.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -63.18 (s, 3F).

4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (3c). Compound 3c was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-cyanobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (43.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-pentane as the eluent, compound 3c was obtained as a white solid (19.9 mg, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 134.6 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.3 Hz), 132.7, 126.2 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 123.1 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 273.0 Hz), 117.4, 116.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -63.58 (s, 3F).

1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3d). Compound 3d was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-acetyl-benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (46.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 3d was obtained as a colorless oil (20.8 mg, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 8.13–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.81–7.65 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 196.9, 139.7, 134.5 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 32.4 Hz), 128.6, 125.7 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 3.8 Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 272.8 Hz), 26.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm –63.58 (s, 3F).

Phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (3e). Compound 3e was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-benzoylbenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (59.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by **procedure A**. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent,

compound 3e was obtained as a white solid (25.3 mg, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.47 (m, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 197.0, 140.8, 136.8, 133.8  $(q, J_{C-F} = 32.7 \text{ Hz}), 133.1, 130.1, 130.0, 128.5, 125.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.8)$ Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 274.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -63.05 (s, 3F).

1-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3g). Compound 3g was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-nitrobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (47.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (50/1) as the eluent, compound 3g was obtained as a colorless oil (19.0 mg, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 150.0, 136.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 33.1 \text{ Hz}),$ 126.8 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.8 Hz), 124.1, 123.0 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 272.9 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -63.24 (s, 3F).

Ethyl 4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonate (3r). Compound 3r was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-(ethoxysulfonyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (60.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 3r was obtained as a colorless oil (20.4 mg, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.08–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.28–4.11 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, I = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 140.0, 135.4 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.3 Hz), 128.4, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.6 Hz), 123.1  $(q, J_{C-F} = 273.2 \text{ Hz}), 67.7, 14.8.$  <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -63.33 (s, 3F).

Ethyl 2-(Trifluoromethyl)benzoate (3s). Compound 3s was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 2-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (52.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 3s was obtained as a light yellow oil (14.4 mg, 30%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.89–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.49 (m, 2H), 4.40 (q, J = 7.1Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 166.9, 131.7, 131.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 1.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.0, 130.1, 128.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 1.7 \text{ Hz}$ ) 32.5 Hz), 126.6 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 5.0 Hz), 123.4 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 273.3 Hz) 62.0, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -59.41 (s, 3F).

4-(tert-Butyl)-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3t). Compound 3t was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4'-(tert-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-diazonium tetrafluoroborate (64.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, compound 3t was obtained as a white solid (27.2 mg, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.70 (s, 4H), 7.60–7.45 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H).  $^{13}{\rm C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $_{\!3})$   $\delta$  ppm 151.4, 144.6, 136.8, 129.0 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 32.3 Hz), 127.2, 126.9, 126.0, 125.6 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 4.1 Hz), 123.0, 34.6, 31.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -62.37 (s, 3F)

N-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (3u). Compound 3u was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-acetamidobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (49.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (5/1) as the eluent, compound 3u was obtained as a white solid (20.3 mg, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.61 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 169.3, 140.6, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 271.77 \text{ Hz}$ ), 119.7, 24.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -62.22 (s, 3F).

1-Bromo-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3v). Compound 3v was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 3-bromobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (54.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-pentane as the eluent, compound 3v was obtained as a colorless oil (25.8 mg, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.79 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H),7.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 135.0, 132.5 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.0 Hz), 130.4, 128.5 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.8 Hz), 123.6 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 3.4 Hz), 123.2 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  = 272.7 Hz), 122.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -62.98 (s, 3F).

1-Bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3w). Compound 3w was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 4-bromobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (54.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure B. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-pentane as the eluent, compound 3w was obtained as a colorless oil (28.1 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 132.1, 129.6 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.0 Hz), 126.9 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.7 Hz), 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 1.3$  Hz), 123.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 272.1$  Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm -62.85 (s, 3F).

6-(Trifluoromethyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3x). Compound 3x was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 3-oxo-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-5-diazonium tetrafluoroborate (49.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) prepared by procedure A. After purification by silica gel column chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1) as the eluent, compound 3x was obtained as a white solid (17.3 mg, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.27–8.13 (m, 1H), 8.06–7.89 (m, 1H), 7.66 (dt, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 169.5, 149.7, 132.1 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.2 Hz), 130.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 126.7, 123.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 123.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 272.7$ Hz), 123.2, 70.0.  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -62.55 (s, 3F).

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# S Supporting Information

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