Supporting Information

Mn-Mediated Electrochemical Trifluoromethylation/C(sp²)-H

Functionalization Cascade for the Synthesis of Azaheterocycles

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1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, chemicals and solvents were purchased with the highest purity grade available and were used without further purification. Purification of products was conducted by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh, from Qingdao, China). NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker ARX400 (¹H at 400 MHz, ¹³C at 101 MHz, ¹⁹F at 471 MHz) magnetic resonance spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm using tetramethylsilane as internal standard (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), and coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Thermal Fisher Nicolet iS50 Fourier transform spectrometer (FT-IR) and were reported in wave numbers (cm⁻¹). HRMS data were obtained on a VG ZAB-HS mass spectrometer, Brucker Apex IV FTMS spectrometer.

Materials: Pt electrodes were purchased from Tianjin Aida Corp. The potentiostat was purchased from JD.com, ITECH IT6720. Gram-scale reaction was carried out by using IKA Electrasyn 2.0.

The starting materials 1 were synthesized as reported by $\text{Liu}^{[1]}$ The starting materials 2 were synthesized as reported also by $\text{Liu}^{[2]}$. The starting materials 3 were synthesized as reported by Nevado^[3].

2. Equipments and experiments setup pictures



Figure S1. Pt net electrodes



Figure S2. The potentiostat



Figure S3. 0.3 mmol scale electrolysis experiment

3. Cyclic voltammetry and ¹⁹F NMR studies

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) experiments were conducted in a 50 mL glass vial fitted with an L-type glassy carbon working electrode, a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) reference electrode, and a platinum wire counter electrode. The solution of interest was sparged with nitrogen for 3-5 minutes before data collection.



Figure S4. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz) spectra of (a) CF_3SO_2Na in 1,4-dioxane/H₂O solution and (b) electrochemical reaction mixture of CF_3SO_2Na and $MnBr_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ in 1,4-dioxane/H₂O at 60 °C after passing 1.1 F/mol electricity.

4. Compound data

General Procedure for the 0.3 mmol scale electrochemical experiments: To a 15 mL test tube with a stir bar was charged with 0.3 mmol 1, 0.45 mmol Langlois reagent and 0.06 mmol MnBr₂, followed by 3 mL dioxane and 0.5 mL aqueous H_3PO_4 solution (1.2 M, 0.6 mmol). Two platinum net electrodes (1.0 cm × 1.0 cm) were set up in the tube. Make sure that the electrodes be totally immersed. The resulting mixture was electrolyzed at constant current mode with a current of 10 mA under ambient temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC or GC. If the reaction was not completed after 3 hours, add 0.45 mmol Langlois reagent. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed through silica gel eluting with PE/EA to give the desired product **2**, **4**, **6**.



1,3-Dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2a**). White solid, 49mg, 67%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (td, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dq, J = 15.1, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dq, J =

15.2, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.50, 142.88, 131.01, 128.54, 125.27 (q, J = 278.1 Hz), 123.56, 122.66, 108.47, 44.38 (q, J = 2.1 Hz), 40.64 (q, J = 28.5 Hz), 26.42, 25.01.^[4]



1,3,5-Trimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2b**). White solid, 58mg, 75%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11 (ddd, J = 7.9, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dq, J = 15.1, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dq, J = 15.1, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.43, 140.48, 132.18, 131.08, 128.77, 126.67, 125.29 (q, J = 278.2 Hz), 124.34, 108.17, 44.43 (q, J = 2.2 Hz), 40.62 (q, J = 28.0 Hz), 26.44, 25.04,

21.12.^[4]



1,3-Dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-5-

(trifluoromethyl)indolin-2-one (**2c**). White solid, 72mg, 77%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.87 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.36, 145.86, 131.54, 126.38 (q, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 125.01 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 125.00 (q, *J* = 276.6Hz),

124.28 (q, *J* = 269.9 Hz), 120.66 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 108.30, 44.32 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 40.57 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz), 26.63, 24.89.^[5]



5-Fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (2d). White solid, 58mg, 74%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.93 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.1, 159.2 (d, J = 239.5), 138.8 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 132.6 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 125.1 (q, J = 277.9 Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 23.6Hz), 111.7 (dd, J = 1.5 Hz, 24.7 Hz), 108.9 (d, J = 8.1). 44.8, 40.5

 $(q, J = 28.4 \text{ Hz}), 26.5, 24.9 (d, J = 10.0 \text{ Hz}).^{[4]}$



 $(q, J = 28.3 \text{ Hz}), 26.6, 24.9.^{[4]}$



5-Chloro-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (2e). White solid, 69mg, 83%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 177.9, 141.4, 132.6, 128.5, 128.1, 125.0 (q, *J* = 276.3 Hz), 124.0 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 109.4, 44.5 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 40.5

5-Bromo-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2f**). White solid, 52mg, 54%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* =

8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 177.83, 141.95, 133.05, 131.45, 126.84, 125.05(q, *J* = 276.3), 115.34, 109.93, 44.54 (q, *J* = 2.3), 40.60(q, *J* = 28.2), 26.55, 24.95.^[4]



5-Iodo-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2g**). Pale yellow solid, 33mg, 30%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 177.67, 142.63, 137.41, 133.39, 132.38, 125.05 (q, J = 278.1 Hz), 110.53, 85.09, 77.25, 44.36 (q, J = 2.1 Hz),

40.59 (q, J = 28.4 Hz), 26.51, 24.97.^[4]



1,3-Dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-5carbonitrile (**2h**). White solid, 49mg, 61%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dq, J = 15.3, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.09, 146.74, 133.88, 131.99, 127.02 (q, J = 1.6 Hz), 124.89 (q, J = 278.0 Hz), 118.99, 109.02,

105.93, 44.15 (q, J = 2.2 Hz), 40.51 (q, J = 28.6 Hz), 26.70, 24.85.^[6]



Ethyl 1,3-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-5carboxylate (**2i**). White solid, 58mg, 61%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.53 – 1.34 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.70, 166.25, 146.88, 131.16, 130.92, 125.06, 125.02 (q, J = 278.2

Hz)124.74, 108.00, 61.00, 44.18 (q, J = 2.2 Hz), 40.65 (q, J = 28.2 Hz), 26.64, 25.03, 14.38.^[6]



5-Butyl-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2j**). White solid, 64mg, 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.72 – 2.55 (m, 3H), 1.65 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.33 (dt, J = 14.6, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.53, 140.64, 137.46, 130.95, 128.21, 125.30 (q, J = 278.5

Hz), 123.77, 108.14, 44.46 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 40.65 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 35.36, 34.02, 26.45, 25.02, 22.18, 13.94.^[5]



1-Methyl-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-5,6-dihydro-1Hpyrrolo[3,2,1-iJ]quinolin-2(4H)-one (**2k**). White solid, 54mg, 67%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.71 (m, 3H), 2.65 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 177.37, 138.64, 129.69, 127.29, 125.43 (q, J = 276 Hz),122.09, 121.48, 120.52, 45.65 (q, J = 1.9 Hz), 40.46 (q, J = 1.9 Hz), 39.06, 24.61, 24.57, 21.13.^[4]



1-Ethyl-3-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (21). White solid, 53mg, 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 (td, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (dq, J = 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dq, J = 15.1, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dq, J = 15.1, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.08, 141. 92, 31.23, 128.45, 125.26 (q, J = 278.3 Hz),

123.72, 122.39, 108.61, 44.29 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 40.68 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 34.78, 25.12, 12.26.^[7]



1-Ethyl-3-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2m**). White solid, 63mg, 77%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.63 (hept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 5.0 Hz, 6H), 1.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3): 178.16, 141.57, 131.41, 128.20, 125.26 (q, *J* = 278.4 Hz), 123.74, 122.02, 110.14, 44.08 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 43.98, 40.78 (q, *J* = 28.1 Hz), 25.33, 19.21, 19.03.^[7]



3-Methyl-1-phenyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2n**). White solid, 61mg, 67%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.53 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dq, J = 15.1, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dq, J = 15.1, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3): 178.00, 142.96, 134.35, 130.69, 129.70, 128.47, 128.29, 126.64, 125.33 (q, J = 278.3 Hz), 123.79, 123.09,

109.79, 44.53 (q, J = 2.2 Hz), 41.09 (q, J = 28.2 Hz), 25.47.^[4]



1-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indolin-2-one (**2o**). White solid, 58mg, 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 3.80 (m, 4H), 2.85 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 179.59, 142.25, 130.98, 128.56, 125.23 (q, *J* = 278.6 Hz), 123.68, 122.82, 109.01, 60.32, 44.37 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 43.08, 40.70 (q, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 25.19.



Ethyl 1-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (4a). White solid, 62mg, 66%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (qd, J = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dq, J = 15.3, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.66 –

2.48 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.18, 168.51, 141.83, 130.33, 130.13, 125.52 (q, J = 278.4 Hz), 124.11, 123.76, 117.53, 62.52, 55.13, 50.91, 41.03 (q, J = 28.0 Hz), 24.22, 13.88. ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.73. IR: v = 2986, 1733, 1667, 1481, 1402, 1255, 1219, 1129, 754cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₃NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 316.1160; found: 316.1160.



Ethyl 1-acetyl-5-fluoro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (**4b**). White solid, 62mg, 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (qq, *J* = 7.0, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 169.66, 168.25, 159.27 (d, *J* = 243.9 Hz), 138.06, 131.92

(d, J = 8.0 Hz), 125.32 (q, J = 278.7 Hz), 118.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 116.67 (d, J = 22.7 Hz), 111.21 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 62.81, 55.33, 50.84, 40.95 (q, J = 28.4 Hz), 23.95, 13.87. ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.75, -117.69. IR: v = 2986, 2159, 1738, 1668, 1487, 1401, 1318, 1257, 1224, 1149, 1128 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₆F₄NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 334.1066; found: 334.1061.



Ethyl 1-acetyl-5-chloro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (**4b**). White solid, 80mg, 79%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (qq, J = 7.5, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dq, J = 15.2, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 169.63, 168.48, 140.51, 131.97, 130.15, 128.96, 125.31 (d, J

= 278.6 Hz), 124.08, 118.46, 62.85, 55.24, 50.83, 40.98 (q, J = 28.3 Hz), 24.06, 13.88. ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.72. IR: v = 2922, 2159, 1734, 1700, 1477, 1393, 1255, 1219, 1171, 1133, 826cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₆ClF₃NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 350.0771; found: 350.0771.



Ethyl 1-acetyl-5-bromo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (**4e**). Pale white solid, 70mg, 59%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (qq, *J* = 6.8, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dq, *J* = 15.3, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dq, *J* = 15.3, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 169.63, 168.53, 140.99, 133.07, 132.32, 126.97, 125.31

(d, J = 278.7 Hz), 118.89, 116.25, 62.87, 55.18, 50.79, 41.00 (q, J = 28.5 Hz), 24.11, 13.89. ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.71. IR: v = 2986, 2161, 1734, 1669, 1475, 1392, 1255, 1218, 1132, 825cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₆BrF₃NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 361.0266; found: 361.0261.



Ethyl 1-acetyl-5-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (**4e**). White solid, 68mg, 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H),

3.34 (dq, J = 15.3, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dq, J = 15.3, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.28, 168.18, 139.56, 133.90, 130.65, 130.46, 125.54 (q, J = 279.3 Hz), 124.15, 117.24, 62.47, 55.24, 50.85, 41.04 (q, J = 28.1 Hz), 24.10, 21.09, 13.89. ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.68. IR: v = 2924, 2159, 1733, 1663, 1491, 1396, 1255, 1131, 1015, 824cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₉F₃NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 330.1317; found: 330.1315.



Ethyl 1-acetyl-5-butyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-3carboxylate (**4f**). White solid, 79mg, 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (qd, J = 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dq, J = 15.3, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.34 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.25,

168.16, 139.71, 139.06, 130.35, 130.09, 125.57 (q, J = 278.7 Hz), 123.52, 117.22, 62.38, 55.30, 50.89, 40.99 (q, J = 28.0 Hz), 35.23, 33.77, 24.06, 22.20, 13.91, 13.87. ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.75. IR: v = 2957, 2928, 2859, 1735, 1666, 1491, 1399, 1255, 1131, 1014, 834cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₂₅F₃NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 372.1787; found: 372.1779.



3-Ethyl 1-methyl 3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-1,3-dicarboxylate (**4g**). White solid, 71.5mg, 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.29 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.42, 153.15, 141.68, 130.06, 125.49 (q, *J* = 278.7Hz),

124.11, 123.06, 115.26, 62.34, 53.89, 52.82, 50.48, 41.25 (q, J = 28.2 Hz), 13.88. ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.52. IR: v = 2959, 1712, 1487, 1443, 1396, 1254, 1217, 1130, 1064, 1015, 751cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₃NO₄⁺ [M+H]⁺: 332.1110; found: 332.1107.



1-Tert-butyl 3-ethyl 3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-1,3-dicarboxylate (**4h**). White solid, 80.5mg, 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.98 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.61, 151.99, 129.93, 125.52 (q, *J* = 278.5 Hz),

123.99, 122.60, 62.26, 54.05, 54.02, 41.32 (q, J = 28.0 Hz), 28.41, 13.90 ¹⁹ F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.64. IR: v = 2982, 2161, 1704, 1485, 1392, 1254, 1130, 1018, 751cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₃F₃NO₄⁺ [M+H]⁺: 374.1579; found: 374.1580.



2,4-Dimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (6a). White solid, 54mg, 66%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.29 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.41 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 174.57, 163.74, 140.37, 133.82, 129.30, 128.07, 125.65, 124.22, 123.58, 44.76, 44.49, 44.22, 43.57, 43.55, 31.18, 27.42.^[8]



2,4,6-Trimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (**6b**). White solid, 59mg, 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 174.73, 163.78, 144.75, 140.39, 129.30, 129.17, 126.00, 124.99 (q, *J* = 278.8 Hz), 121.74, 44.33 (q, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 43.49 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 31.20, 27.33, 21.93.^[8]



2,4,8-Trimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (**6c**). White solid, 62mg, 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 3.30-3.41 (m, 4H), 2.87 – 2.68 (m, 4H), 1.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 174.26, 164.24, 143.04, 141.70, 132.58, 132.06, 125.05 (q, *J* = 278.7 Hz), 123.96, 122.56, 44.66 (q, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 43.60 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 31.63, 27.40, 24.11.^[9]



6-Methoxy-2,4-dimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (6d). White solid, 40mg, 44%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 174.64, 163.97, 163.40, 142.57, 131.68, 124.97 (q, *J* = 278.8 Hz), 117.23, 113.60,

111.16, 55.64, 44.41 (q, J = 27.5 Hz), 43.74 (q, J = 2.4 Hz), 31.30, 27.28.^[9]



6-Chloro-2,4-dimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (**6e**). White solid, 61mg, 67%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.39 – 3.29 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 173.91, 162.90, 142.06, 140.51, 130.92, 128.78, 125.90, 124.81 (q, *J* = 278.5 Hz), 122.76, 44.40

 $(q, J = 27.7 \text{ Hz}), 43.57 (q, J = 2.4 \text{ Hz}), 31.01, 27.51.^{[9]}$



6-Bromo-2,4-dimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isoquinoline-

1,3(2H,4H)-dione (**6f**). White solid, 51mg, 49%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dq, J = 15.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dq, J = 15.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 173.84, 163.03, 142.12, 131.71,

130.91, 129.09, 128.90, 124.81 (q, *J* = 278.5 Hz), 123.18, 44.40 (q, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 43.51 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 31.01, 27.52.^[9]



2,4-Dimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-6-

(trifluoromethyl)isoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (**6g**). White solid, 42mg, 41%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 3.48 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 2.83 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 173.75, 162.58, 135.46 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 130.25, 127.15, 124.91 (q, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 124.76 (q, *J* = 278.7 Hz), 123.23 (q, *J* = 273.3 Hz), 122.85 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz),

44.40 (q, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 43.70 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 31.00, 27.65.^[9]



Ethyl 1-acetyl-5-fluoro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)indoline-3carboxylate (**6h**). White solid, 44mg, 46%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.27 – 3.10 (m, 4H), 2.60 (dq, J = 15.4, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.26, 163.41, 137.75, 132.37, 129.41, 128.78, 128.28, 125.32 (q, J = 278.8 Hz),

124.31, 62.43, 51.50, 46.54 (q, J = 1.6 Hz), 39.40 (q, J = 28.6 Hz), 35.01, 13.94.¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): -60.99. IR: v = 2984, 2159, 1732, 1657, 1258, 1222, 1178, 1131, 1094, 700cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₃NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 316.1160; found: 316.1158.



(6aR,11bR)-5,6a-dimethyl-11b-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-5,6a,7,11btetrahydro-6H-indeno[2,1-c]quinolin-6-one (8). White solid, 33mg, 32%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dq, *J* = 15.4, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dq, *J* = 15.4, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 172.23, 146.54, 140.83, 139.49,

129.31, 128.23, 127.57, 126.80, 126.18 (q, J = 278.3 Hz), 125.38, 124.58, 123.39, 123.09, 114.57, 52.68, 52.56, 44.42, 39.29 (q, J = 27.5 Hz), 30.17, 18.69. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₀H₁₉F₃NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 346.1413; found: 346.1412.



Procedure for the gram scale electrochemical experiments: To a 50 mL beaker with a stir bar was charged with 7 mmol **1a**, 10.5 mmol Langlois reagent and 0.35 mmol MnBr₂, followed by 30 mL dioxane, 3 mL H₂O, and 14 mmol H₃PO₄. Two electrodes (Graphite SK-50 used as the anode and Platinum as the cathode) were set up in the beaker. The resulting mixture was electrolyzed at constant voltage mode with 3.5 V under 60 °C. After 4 F/mol electric quantity, another 10.5 mmol Langlois reagent was added. After a total of 8 F/mol electric quantity, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed through silica gel eluting with PE/EA to give the desired product **2a**.

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6. X-ray single crystal data

Crystal structure data of 4d:



CCDC number: 1890462 Bond precision: C-C = 0.0048 A Wavelength=0.71073 Cell: a=8.9486(4) b=17.7085(8) c=10.5821(5) alpha=90 beta=104.565(5) gamma=90 Temperature: 293 K Calculated Reported Volume 1623.02(13) 1623.01(13) Space group P 21/c P 21/c Hall group -P 2ybc -P 2ybc Moiety formula C15 H15 Br F3 N O3 ? Sum formula C15 H15 Br F3 N O3 C15 H15 Br F3 N O3 Mr 394.18 394.19 Dx,g cm-3 1.613 1.613 Z 4 4 Mu (mm-1) 2.576 2.576 F000 792.0 792.0 F000' 791.34 h,k,lmax 11,22,13 11,22,13 Nref 3720 3713 Tmin, Tmax 0.466, 0.734 0.540, 1.000 Tmin' 0.273 Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.540 Tmax=1.000 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.998 Theta(max)= 27.484 R(reflections)= 0.0484(2170) wR2(reflections)= 0.1342(3713) S = 1.032 Npar= 210

Crystal structure data of 8:



CCDC number: 1885350

Bond precision: C-C = 0.0054 A Wavelength=1.54184 Cell: a=10.8613(6) b=12.2821(6) c=13.7407(8) alpha=74.040(5) beta=71.906(5) gamma=78.776(3) Temperature: 180 K Calculated Reported Volume 1663.19(17) 1663.19(17) Space group P -1 P -1 Hall group -P 1 -P 1 Moiety formula C20 H18 F3 N O? Sum formula C20 H18 F3 N O C20 H18 F3 N O Mr 345.35 345.35 Dx,g cm-3 1.379 1.379 Z44 Mu (mm-1) 0.909 0.909 F000 720.0 720.0 F000' 722.54 h,k,lmax 12,14,16 12,14,16

Nref 5872 5863 Tmin,Tmax 0.804,0.873 0.551,1.000 Tmin' 0.664 Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.551 Tmax=1.000 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN Data completeness= 0.998 Theta(max)= 66.594 R(reflections)= 0.0700(4423) wR2(reflections)= 0.1837(5863) S = 1.067 Npar= 456



7. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR Spectra

















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