# **Supporting Information**

# CatalyticDiverseRadical-Mediated1,2-Cyanofunctionalization of Unactivated Alkenes viaSynergistic Remote Cyano Migration and ProtectedStrategies

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RO CN Ph R = TI R = H	∕	catalyst solvent temperature 12 h	Ph CN 3A	CF <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> 2a	CF <sub>3</sub> I O 2b
Entry	2a (X equiv)	Catalyst	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	Yield (%)
1	1.5	CuBr	EtOAc	60	58
2	1.5	CuCl	EtOAc	60	50
3	1.5	DBN	EtOAc	60	55
4	1.5	CuI	EtOAc	60	61
5	1.5	CuI	DMF	60	53
6	1.5	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60	<b>80(75)</b> <sup>c</sup>
7	1.5	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	25	0
8	1.5	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	80	63
9	1.5	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	100	55
10	1.2	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60	50
11	2.0	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60	79
$12^d$	1.5	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60	trace
13 <sup>e</sup>	1.5	CuI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60	78

Table S1 Screening of Reaction Conditions for Trifluoromethylation Reactions:<sup>*a,b*</sup>

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<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction Conditions: **1A** (0.10 mmol), catalyst (20 mol%), **2a** in 1 mL solvent, under argon for 12 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Yield based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy with CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup>Isolated yield in parenthesis. <sup>*d*</sup>**2b** was used in place of **2a**. <sup>*e*</sup>TMS-removal **1A'** was employed as the substrate.

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Entry	Ts source	Catalyst	Solvent	T (°C)	Time	Blue LED	Yield
	(X equiv)	/Oxidant (Y equiv)					
1	<i>p</i> -tolSO <sub>2</sub> H	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	EtOAc	80	12 h	No	trace
	(3.0)						
3	p-tolSO <sub>2</sub> H	$Na_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	EtOAc	80	12 h	No	trace
	(3.0)						
4	TsNHNH <sub>2</sub>	$Na_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	EtOAc	80	12 h	No	trace
	(3.0)						
5	TsNHNH <sub>2</sub>	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	EtOAc	80	12 h	No	trace
	(3.0)						
6 <sup><i>c</i></sup>	TsCl (1.5)	$[Ir(ppy)_2(dtbbpy)]PF_6$	EtOAc	25	5 h	yes	82%
		(0.005)					

 Table S2. Screening of Reaction Conditions for 1,2-Cyanosulfonylation.<sup>a,b</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1A** (0.10 mmol), solvent (1 mL). <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup>Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> • 12H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 equiv) was added. <sup>*d*</sup>KOAc (2.0 equiv) was added. <sup>*e*</sup>Isolated yield in parenthesis.

#### General information.

All reactions were carried out under argon using Schlenk techniques. Reagents were purchased at the commercial quality and used without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel 60 GF254 plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using Tsingdao silica gel (60, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm). Visualization on TLC was achieved by use of UV light (254 nm), KMnO<sub>4</sub> or iodine stain. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer at 400/500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 100/125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR and 376 MHz for <sup>19</sup>F NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. The chemical shifts are expressed in ppm and coupling constants are given in Hz. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer (CFCl<sub>3</sub> as an external reference (0 ppm)). <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer. Mass spectrometric data were obtained using Bruker Apex IV RTMS.

#### Experimental procedure for synthesis of substrates



To a solution of *N*,*O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.93 g, 30 mmol) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40 mL) were added  $Et_3N$  (8.4 mL, 60 mmol) and benzoyl chloride (3.5 mL, 30 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL). Dichloromethane (50 mL) was added to extract the product from the aqueous layer. The organic layer was washed with HCl (1M, 20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product **S1** (5.0 g).

To a solution of prepared Grignard reagent (1M, 45 mL) in THF was added **S1** (5.0 g, 30 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C dropwisely. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). Diethyl ether was used to extract the product from the aqueous layer ( $3 \times 50$  mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product **S2** (3.9 g, 80%).

A solution of **S2** (3.9 g, 24 mmol), TMSCN (3.4 mL, 26 mmol) and ZnI<sub>2</sub> (0.41 g, 1.3 mmol) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40 mL) were heated to reflux for 4 h and cooled down to room temperature. The solvent was removed to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc = 100:1) to afford the product **1A** (4.8 g, 77%), as a colorless oil.<sup>1</sup>

#### 2-phenyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-5-enenitrile (1A)



**1A**: (4.8 g, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.83 - 5.71 (m, 1H), 5.06 - 4.93 (m, 2H), 2.33 - 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.17 - 1.96 (m, 3H), 0.15 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.82, 136.64, 128.67, 128.54, 125.00, 120.68, 115.29, 75.19, 45.03, 28.58, 0.87.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{22}ONSi [M+H]^+$  260.1465, found 260.1463.

#### 2-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-5-enenitrile (1B)



**1B**: (0.3 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil)<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.88 - 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.10 - 4.96 (m, 2H), 2.34 - 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.87 - 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 0.23 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.65, 121.50, 115.07, 68.94, 42.20, 28.69, 28.30, 0.97.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{10}H_{20}ONSi [M+H]^+$  198.1309, found 198.1307.

#### 2-phenethyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-5-enenitrile (1C)



**1C**: (0.5 g, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 5.99 - 5.86 (m, 1H), 5.24 - 5.10 (m, 2H), 2.98 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.44 - 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.17 - 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.02 - 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.38 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.46, 136.61, 128.41, 128.16, 126.06, 120.94, 115.38, 72.39, 42.73, 40.01, 30.31, 28.14, 1.18.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ONNaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 310.1598, found 310.1588.

#### 5-methyl-2-phenyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-5-enenitrile (1D)



**1D**: (0.4 g, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 2.28 - 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.11 - 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.97, 140.81, 128.62, 128.50, 124.95, 120.59,110.24, 75.28, 44.11, 32.23, 22.60, 0.82.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{24}ONSi [M+H]^+ 274.1622$ , found 274.1616.

#### 2-(1-allylcyclohexyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)propanenitrile (1E)



**1E**: (0.2 g, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.98 - 5.86 (m, 1H), 5.07 - 4.96 (m, 2H), 2.42 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.78 - 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.53 - 1.34 (m, 5H), 1.21 - 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.23 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.86, 122.04, 116.08, 78.11, 43.46, 34.75, 30.61, 29.54, 25.37, 24.00, 21.54, 21.39, 1.18.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ONNaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 268.1128, found 268.1121.

#### 2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-vinylphenyl)acetonitrile (1F)



**1F**: (0.5 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ 7.64 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 5.63 (dt, *J* = 17.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dt, *J* = 11.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s,3H), 0.18 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 137.20 , 136.45 , 135.61 , 129.05, 128.34 , 127.81 , 125.49 , 121.53 , 116.56 , 72.57 , 31.57 , 1.02 .

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{20}ONSi[M+H]^+$  246.1309 , found 246.1304 .

#### 2-phenyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)hept-6-enenitrile (1G)



**1G**: (0.5 g, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.79 - 5.68 (m, 1H), 5.02 - 4.92 (m, 2H), 2.09 - 1.98 (m, 3H), 1.96 - 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.67 - 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.50 - 1.38 (m, 1H), 0.13 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.05, 137.86, 128.62, 128.54, 125.05, 120.89, 115.16, 75.54, 45.40, 33.07, 23.52, 0.93.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{24}ONSi [M+H]^+ 274.1622$ , found 274.1618.

## 2-(2-allylphenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)propanenitrile (1H)



**1H**: (0.5 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil)<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 - 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.36 - 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.09 - 5.93 (m, 1H), 5.19 - 5.03 (m, 2H), 3.87 - 3.67 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 0.24 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.31, 137.50, 137.36, 132.09, 128.79, 126.35, 125.55, 121.88, 116.41, 72.02, 36.71, 31.52, 1.21.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{21}ONNaSi [M+Na]^+ 282.1285$ , found 282.1278.

## 2-(2-allyl-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)propanenitrile (1I)



**1I**: (0.6 g, PE:EtOAc = 30:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20 - 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.02 - 5.92 (m, 1H), 5.12 - 5.01 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 0.22 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.76, 139.56, 137.66, 133.11, 128.90, 121.72, 116.03, 113.51, 111.68, 71.64, 55.26, 35.89, 31.46, 1.16.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 290.1571, found 290.1565.

## 2-(2-allyl-4,5-difluorophenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)propanenitrile (1J)



**1J**: (0.5 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (ddt, *J* = 16.6, 10.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (ddd, *J* = 18.5, 13.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (qd, *J* = 16.3, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.25 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.85 (dd, J = 221.7, 12.4 Hz), 147.88 (dd, J = 218.9, 12.3 Hz), 136.01, 135.45 (t, J = 3.9 Hz), 134.34 (dd, J = 5.3, 4.0 Hz), 121.11, 120.33 (d, J = 17.4 Hz), 117.35, 114.91 (d, J = 19.6 Hz), 70.18, 35.95, 31.16, 1.09. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ONF<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.1277, found 296.1270.

# 2-(2-allylphenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (1K)



**1K**: (0.3 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.46 - 5.34 (m, 1H), 4.89 - 4.79 (m, 2H), 3.30 - 3.14 (m, 2H), 0.15 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.48, 138.33, 137.92, 136.03, 131.54, 129.16, 128.69, 128.59, 127.05, 126.33, 125.95, 120.30, 116.02, 76.45, 36.58, 0.87. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ONNaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 344.1441, found 344.1432.

2-(2-allylphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (1M)



**1M**: (0.3 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.50 - 5.40 (m, 1H), 4.91 - 4.82 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 0.12 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.78, 138.27, 138.08, 136.18, 133.51, 131.41, 129.04, 127.75, 126.89, 125.91, 120.46, 116.08, 113.85, 75.99, 55.24, 36.59, 0.89. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{25}O_2NNaSi$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 374.1547, found 374.1547.

2-(2-allylphenyl)-2-(m-tolyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (1N)



**1N**: (0.5 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.14 - 7.08 (m, 1H), 5.41 - 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.89 - 4.77 (m, 2H), 3.31 - 3.13 (m, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.80, 151.05, 148.56, 148.44, 136.49, 136.42, 136.40, 136.36, 133.17, 133.13, 120.02, 119.85, 116.92, 116.47, 116.28, 78.84, 36.50, 23.63.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ONNaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 358.1598, found 358.1585.



**10**: (0.4 g, PE:EtOAc = 50:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.10 – 5.93 (m, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 0.24 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.96, 136.10, 134.42, 130.54, 129.63, 127.35, 127.17, 119.14, 116.71, 61.21, 36.59, -0.17.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ONNaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 268.1128, found 268.1125.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.74 (ddt, *J* = 17.3, 10.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 – 5.11 (m, 2H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 0.17 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.49, 130.90, 128.76, 128.53, 125.21, 120.45, 120.41, 75.40, 50.24, 0.96.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{19}ONNaSi [M+Na]^+ 268.1128$ , found 268.1125.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40 (tdd, J = 6.9, 4.6, 2.2 Hz, 3H), 5.79 (ddt, J = 16.9, 10.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.08 – 4.89 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 1.91 (m, 4H), 1.61 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.35 (m, 3H), 0.16 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.14, 138.41, 128.62, 128.54, 125.08, 120.93, 114.64, 75.61, 45.87, 33.45, 28.41, 23.81, 0.96.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ONNaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 310.1598, found 310.1594.

#### General procedure for 1,2-cyanotrifluoromethylation of alkenes 1



In an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube were added **1** (0.20 mmol), CuI (8 mg, 0.04 mmol) and Togni's reagent **2a** (95 mg, 0.30 mmol). The tube was vacuumed and back-filled with argon three times and then added with  $CH_3CN$  (2 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C for 12 h and cooled down to room temperature. EtOAc

(30 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (5 mL) and brine (5 mL) sequentially, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **3**.

#### 5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)pentanenitrile (3A)



**3A**: (38 mg, PE:EtOAc = 20:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.18 - 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.65 - 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.49 - 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.31 - 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.08 - 1.99 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.63, 136.12, 133.68, 128.78, 127.98, 125.01 (q, J = 275.6 Hz), 119.37, 36.72 (q, J = 29.9 Hz), 35.00, 26.31, 25.04 (q, J = 3.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.59.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_8H_{11}ONF_3[M+H]^+$  256.0944 , found 256.0950 .

#### 5-oxo-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)hexanenitrile (3B)



**3B**: (28 mg, PE:EtOAc = 30:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.06 - 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.79 - 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.59 - 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.41 - 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.09 - 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.87 - 1.78 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 206.21, 124.91 (q, *J* = 275.6 Hz), 119.21, 39.80, 36.61 (q, *J* = 29.9 Hz), 30.01, 25.79, 24.77 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.83.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_8H_{11}ONF_3 [M+H]^+$  194.0787 , found 194.0784.

#### 5-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)heptanenitrile (3C)



**3C**: (44 mg, PE:EtOAc = 30:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 - 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.02 - 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55 - 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.38 - 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.08 - 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.86 - 1.77 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.67, 140.44, 128.57, 128.24, 126.29, 124.89 (q, *J* =

275.6 Hz), 119.19, 44.26, 39.19, 36.55 (q, *J* = 29.9 Hz), 29.66, 25.73, 24.77 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz).

 $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  -64.81.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{17}ONF_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.1257 , found 284.1249.

#### 2-methyl-5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(tosylmethyl)pentanenitrile (3D)



**1C**: (46 mg, PE:EtOAc = 30:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 - 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.62 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 3.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.63 - 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.44 - 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.25 - 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.15 - 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.45, 136.17, 133.58, 128.75, 127.99, 124.89 (q, J = 276.6 Hz), 121.63, 42.23 (q, J = 28.5 Hz), 33.80, 33.60, 32.69 (q, J = 2.0 Hz), 23.84. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -60.76.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{15}ONF_3 [M+H]^+ 270.1100$ , found 270.1091.

#### 2-((1-acetylcyclohexyl)methyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanenitrile (3E)



**3E**:  $(30 \text{ mg}, \text{PE:EtOAc} = 30:1, \text{ colorless oil})^1\text{H}$  NMR  $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$   $\delta$  2.79 - 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.58 - 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.40 - 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.16 (dd, J = 14.5, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05 - 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.77 (dd, J = 14.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.62 - 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.54 - 1.38 (m, 6H), 1.37 - 1.30 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 212.19, 124.87 (q, J = 275.88 Hz), 119.97, 51.55, 38.30, 37.66 (q, J = 29.5 Hz), 32.97, 32.38, 25.66, 25.45, 22.25, 22.19, 20.86 (q, J = 3.0 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.40.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{19}ONF_3 [M+H]^+ 262.1413$ , found 262.1405.

#### 2-(2-acetylphenyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanenitrile (3F)



**3F**:  $(22 \text{ mg}, \text{PE:EtOAc} = 100:1, \text{ pale yellow oil})^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5

Hz, 1H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 - 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.85, 134.88, 133.90, 133.32, 131.06, 130.04, 129.11, 124.81 (q, J = 276.4 Hz), 119.18, 38.99 (q, J = 29.4 Hz), 29.02, 28.53 (q, J = 3.1 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.70.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{11}ONF_3[M+H]^+$  242.0787, found 242.0794.

6-oxo-6-phenyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)hexanenitrile (3G)



**3G**: (42 mg, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, pale yellow oil)<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 - 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.62 - 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.44 - 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.07 - 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.97 - 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.85 - 1.75 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.72, 136.51, 133.31, 128.67, 127.91, 125.06 (q, J = 275.6 Hz), 119.51, 37.12, 36.24 (q, J = 29.6 Hz), 31.43, 25.56 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 20.98. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.89.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{15}ONF3[M+H]^+ 270.1100$ , found 270.1093.

#### 2-(2-acetylbenzyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanenitrile (3H)



**3H**:  $(36 \text{ mg}, \text{PE:EtOAc} = 100:1, \text{ colorless oil})^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.44 - 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.03 - 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.66 - 2.49 (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.25, 136.57, 136.18, 132.90, 132.72, 131.07, 128.15, 125.16 (q, J = 275.6 Hz), 119.62, 37.33, 36.36 (q, J = 29.7 Hz), 29.14, 27.41 (q, J = 2.8 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.45.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{13}ONF_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 256.0944 , found 256.0937 .

#### 2-(2-acetyl-4-methoxybenzyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanenitrile (3I)



**3I**: (51 mg, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H),

3.39 - 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 10.0 Hz , 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.58 - 2.44 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.06, 158.96, 137.21, 133.93, 128.25, 125.20 (q, *J* = 275.8 Hz), 119.80, 117.58, 116.82, 55.52, 36.56, 36.26 (q, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 29.08, 27.60 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.48.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{15}O_2NF_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.1049, found 286.1041.

#### 2-(2-acetyl-4,5-difluorobenzyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanenitrile (3J)



**3J**: (49 mg, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 - 3.31 (m, 2H), 2.94 - 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.65 - 2.47 (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.62, 152.07 (d, J = 257.1, 12.4 Hz), 149.09 (d, J = 250.3, 12.5 Hz), 134.74 (dd, J = 6.3, 4.0 Hz), 132.66 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 125.02 (q, J = 275.6 Hz), 121.92 (d, J = 17.4 Hz), 120.48 (dd, J = 17.8, 1.8 Hz), 119.15, 36.59, 36.33 (d, J = 29.9 Hz), 29.02, 27.27.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.43 (s, 3F), -129.09 (d, J = 21.8 Hz, 1F), -136.37 (d, J = 21.8 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{11}ONF_5[M+H]^+$  292.0755, found 292.0746.

#### 2-(2-benzoylbenzyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanenitrile (3K)



**3K**: (41 mg, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 - 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 13.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 13.5, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 - 2.41 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.99, 137.62, 135.92, 133.40, 131.75, 131.46, 130.75, 130.32, 128.50, 127.17, 125.11 (q, J = 275.8 Hz), 119.49, 36.104 (q, J = 29.9 Hz), 36.097, 27.87 (q, J = 2.8 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.43.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{15}ONF_3[M\!+\!H]^+$  318.1100 , found 318.1109 .

#### 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-(2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)benzyl)butanenitrile (3L)



**3L**: (54 mg, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.19 - 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.53 - 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.13 - 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.63 - 2.40 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.32, 165.89 (d, J = 268.88 Hz), 137.42, 135.86, 133.88 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 133.01 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 131.81, 131.52, 130.42, 127.21, 125.08 (q, J = 275.8 Hz), 119.42, 115.70 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 36.08 (q, J = 29.9 Hz), 35.97, 27.87 (q, J = 2.8 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.47 (s, 3F), -104.16 (s, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{14}ONF_4[M+H]^+$  336.1006, found 336.0995.

#### 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-(2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)benzyl)butanenitrile (3M)



**3M**: (57 mg, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.50 - 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.08 - 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.58 - 2.39 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.50, 163.92, 138.36, 135.24, 132.74, 131.45, 130.87, 130.18, 129.92, 127.06, 125.09 (q, J = 275.8 Hz), 119.50, 113.75, 55.52, 35.96 (q, J = 29.8 Hz), 35.90, 27.75 (q, J = 2.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -64.46 (s). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ONF<sub>4</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 336.1006 , found 336.0995.

#### 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-(2-(3-methylbenzoyl)benzyl)butanenitrile (3N)



**3N**: (61 mg, PE:EtOAc = 100:1, pale yellow oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.32 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 3.61 - 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 - 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.53, 138.69, 137.84, 137.78, 136.73, 132.40, 132.22, 131.37, 131.19, 129.82, 127.59, 125.39, 125.16 (q, *J* = 275.8 Hz), 119.57, 36.65, 36.23 (q, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 27.65 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 20.36. <sup>19</sup>E NMP (276 MHz, CDCl)  $\delta$  64.22 (c)

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -64.32 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{17}ONF_3\left[M\!+\!H\right]^+$  332.1257 , found 332.1246.

Experimental procedure for 1,2-cyanophosphonylation of alkene of 1.



In an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube were added **1** (0.20 mmol), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (14 mg, 0.04 mmol) and H(O)PPh<sub>2</sub> **4** (80 mg, 0.40 mmol). The tube was vacuumed and back-filled with argon three times and then added with DMF (2 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 12 h and cooled down to room temperature. Diethyl ether (30 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with water (3 × 8 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **5**.

#### 2-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile (5A)



**5A**: (58 mg, PE:EtOAc = 1:1, white solid) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.94 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 4H), 7.64 – 7.45 (m, 9H), 3.35 – 3.11 (m, 3H), 2.82 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.62 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 2.07 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  197.74, 136.32, 133.42, 132.55 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 132.43 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 132.27 (d, *J* = 101.58 Hz),131.08 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 130.89 (d, *J* = 100.51 Hz),130.58 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 129.04 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 128.69, 128.02, 120.49 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 35.61, 32.90 (d, *J* = 69.4 Hz), 28.09 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 24.92 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 28.44.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{23}O_2NP[M+H]^+$  388.1461, found 388.1471.

#### 2-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-2-methyl-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile (5D)



**5D**: (54 mg, PE:EtOAc = 1:1, white solid) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.44 (m, 9H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.25 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  197.97, 136.41, 133.37 133.27, (d, *J* = 100.53 Hz), 132.54 (d, *J* = 100.56 Hz), 132.27 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 132.17 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 130.87 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 130.57 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 128.94 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 128.85 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 128.68, 128.07, 122.58 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 38.43 (d, *J* = 68.6 Hz), 35.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 34.63 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 34.34, 25.62 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 25.78.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{25}O_2NP[M+H]^+$  402.1617, found 402.1628.

#### 2-(2-acetylbenzyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (5H)



**5H**: (55 mg, PE:EtOAc = 1:1, white solid) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.84 – 7.77 (m, 5H), 7.60 – 7.45 (m, 7H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.46 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 3.29 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  201.37, 136.94, 136.82, 132.67, 132.32 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 132.31, 132.24 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 132.14 (d, J = 100.76 Hz), 131.62 (d, J = 100.31 Hz), 131.03 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 130.81 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 130.45, 128.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 128.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 127.72, 120.30 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 38.09 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 32.54 (d, J = 69.8 Hz), 29.41, 27.49 (d, J = 3.6 Hz).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  28.31.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{23}O_2NP[M+H]^+$  388.1461, found 388.1471.

#### Experimental procedure for 1,2-cyanoazidation of alkene of 1



In an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube were added **1** (0.20 mmol), CuI (8 mg, 0.04 mmol) and Togni's azide **6** (88 mg, 0.30 mmol). The tube was vacuumed and

back-filled with argon three times and then added with EtOAc (2 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 12 h and cooled down to room temperature. EtOAc (30 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (5 mL) and brine (5 mL) sequentially, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **7**.

#### 2-(azidomethyl)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile (7A)



**7A**: (42 mg, PE:EtOAc = 15:1, white solid) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 - 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.63 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 3.65 - 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.30 - 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.08 - 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.24 - 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.08 - 1.99 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.88, 136.21, 133.63, 128.77, 127.99, 119.44, 52.10, 34.99, 31.63, 23.90.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{12}ON_4Na[M+Na]^+$  251.0903 , found 251.0908 .

#### 2-(azidomethyl)-2-methyl-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile (7D)



**7D**: (30 mg, PE:EtOAc = 15:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 - 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.61 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 31.00, 12.5 Hz, 2H), 3.30 - 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.21 - 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.02 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.74, 136.21, 133.48, 128.70, 127.97, 121.73, 57.93, 37.60, 33.91, 30.66, 22.21.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{15}ON_2[M+H]^+215.1179$ , found 215.1186.

#### 2-(2-acetylbenzyl)-3-azidopropanenitrile (7H)



**7H**: (29 mg, PE:EtOAc = 15:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 - 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.53 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 - 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.02 - 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.30, 136.90, 136.26, 132.87, 132.67, 130.94, 127.92, 119.77, 51.93, 35.05, 33.92, 29.20.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{12}ON_4Na[M+Na]^+ 251.0903$ , found 251.0908.

General procedure for photoredox catalyzed 1,2-cyanosulfonylation of alkene 1



In an oven-dried 10 mL tube were added **1** (44 mg, 0.2 mmol), tosyl chloride (**8**, 57 mg, 0.3 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (144 mg, 0.4 mmol) and [Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy)<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (1.6 mg, 0.002 mmol) sequentially. The tube was vacuumed and back-filled with argon three times and then added with anhydrous EtOAc (2 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with blue LED for 5 h. EtOAc (30 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with water (5 mL) and brine (5 mL) sequentially, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **9**.

#### 5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(tosylmethyl)pentanenitrile (9A)



**9A**: (56 mg, PE:EtOAc = 3:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.54 - 3.46 (m 1H), 3.38 - 3.19 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.36 - 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.12 - 2.02 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.44, 145.85, 136.12, 135.15, 133.62, 130.30, 128.75, 128.34, 127.99, 118.79, 57.43, 35.03, 26.43, 26.04, 21.73. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{20}O_3NS[M+H]^+$  342.1169, found 342.1168.

#### 2-methyl-5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(tosylmethyl)pentanenitrile (9D)



**9D**: (49 mg, PE:EtOAc = 3:1, white solid) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 - 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.23 - 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.45, 145.50, 136.86, 136.14, 133.44, 130.10, 128.65, 128.00, 127.96, 121.00, 62.08, 34.51, 33.73, 33.48, 24.10, 21.60. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ONF<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 270.1100 , found 270.1091.

2-(2-acetylbenzyl)-3-tosylpropanenitrile (9H)



**9H**: (63 mg, PE:EtOAc = 2:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 15.5, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 3.54 - 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.41 - 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.18 - 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.06, 145.45, 136.38, 135.98, 135.30, 132.77, 132.54, 130.88, 130.06, 128.31, 128.08, 118.87, 56.86, 36.82, 29.09, 28.23, 21.64. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. forC<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub> O<sub>3</sub>NS[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 342.1169 , found 342.1168 .

# General procedure for photoredox catalyzed 1,2-cyanoperfluoroalkylation of alkene 1A with RSO<sub>2</sub>Cl



In an oven-dried 10 mL tube were added **1H** (38 mg, 0.20 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (144 mg, 0.40 mmol) and [Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy)<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (1.6 mg, 0.002 mmol) sequentially. The tube was vacuumed and back-filled with argon three times and then added with anhydrous EtOAc (2 mL), followed by addition of **10a-10d** (0.30 mmol), The reaction mixture was irradiated with blue LED for 5 h. EtOAc (30 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with water (5 mL) and brine (5 mL) sequentially, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **3H** and **11-13**.

#### 2-(2-acetylbenzyl)-4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-nonafluoroheptanenitrile (11)



**11**: (73 mg, PE:EtOAc = 20:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 3.53 - 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 - 2.42 (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.26, 136.46, 136.22, 132.92, 132.71, 131.08, 128.19, 119.83, 119.28 - 106.29 (m), 37.83, 33.41 (t, J = 21.5 Hz), 29.09, 26.06. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -80.93 - -81.10 (m), -111.96 - -114.69 (m), -124.13 - -124.55 (m), -125.81 - -126.05 (m). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{13}ONF_9[M+H]^+$  406.0848, found 406.0856.

#### 2-(2-acetylbenzyl)-4,4-difluorobutanenitrile (12)



**12**: (42 mg, PE:EtOAc = 20:1, colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.07 (tdd, J = 56.0, 5.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 - 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 12.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.34 - 2.21 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.21, 136.97, 136.28, 132.81, 132.60, 130.94, 127.96, 120.30, 114.99 (t, *J* = 238.9 Hz), 37.28, 36.54 (t, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 29.15, 27.72 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.10, -115.86, -116.00, -116.77.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{14}ONF_2 [M+H]^+ 238.1038$ , found 238.1031.

#### methyl 5-(2-acetylphenyl)-4-cyano-2,2-difluoropentanoate (13)



**13**: (53 mg, PE:EtOAc = 3:1, pale yellow oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.40 - 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.05 - 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.66 - 2.40 (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.14, 163.55 (t, J = 32.1 Hz), 136.70, 136.38, 132.84, 132.54, 130.88, 127.99, 120.05, 114.39 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 53.63, 37.63, 36.87 (t, J = 23.9 Hz), 29.13 (s), 26.95 (t, J = 4.2 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -103.38 (dd, J = 417.4, 267.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{16}O_3NF_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.1093, found 296.1084.







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