# Fluorescent Biolabeling Photoswitchable Diarylethenes for Microscopies with Optical Superresolution 

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## 1. Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in the text of the Supplementary Information: anti-parallel (ap), aqueous (aq.), argon (Ar), bis(pinacolato)diboron (b(pin) $)_{2}$, di-tert-butyl dicarbonate $\left(\mathrm{Boc}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$, broad (br.), closed form (CF), 3-chloroperbenzoic acid ( $m$-CPBA), diarylethene (DAE), dichloromethane (DCM), 4-( $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP), $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), degree of labeling (DOL), 1-ethyl-3-(3dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (EDC), electrospray ionization (ESI), ethyl acetate (EtOAc), ethanol (EtOH), high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), high resolution mass spectrometry (HR-MS), potassium acetate (KOAc), $N$-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), open form (OF), parallel ( $p$ ), phosphate buffer saline (PBS), reverse phase (RP), room temperature (r.t.), saturated (sat.), 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2', 6'dimethoxybiphenyl (SPhos), triethylamine (TEA), tetrahydrofurane (THF), trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), thin layer chromatography (TLC), ultraviolet (UV), visible (vis).

## 2. Synthesis

### 2.1 Liquid chromatography

The following columns (cartridges) and solvent systems were used for analytical and preparative separations. System A: RP-HPLC (Eurosphere II, 100-5 C ${ }_{18}$ column, $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \times 150 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and $0.05 \%$ aq. TFA ( $\mathrm{pH} \sim 2.0$ ) [linear gradient from $30 \%$ to $70 \%$ of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ in 20 min ] at a flow rate of $1.2 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; UV-vis detection with diode array and at 254 nm (OF) and 460 nm (CF). System B: automated flash purification on Biotage Isolera One (ISO-1EW) device (cartridge PF-C $\mathrm{C}_{18}-\mathrm{HC}, 30 \mu \mathrm{M}$, with 20 g of $\mathrm{RP}-\mathrm{C}_{18}$ silica gel) with the following eluent: $0.1 \% \mathrm{aq}$. TFA $/ \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 7: 3$, at a flow rate of $20 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ for 15 min ; UV detection at 254 nm . System C: System A with a linear gradient from $60 \%$ to $90 \%$ of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ in 15 min at a flow rate of 1.2 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}$. System D: System B with the following eluent: $0.1 \%$ aq. TFA $/ \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 3: 7$, at a flow rate of $20 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ for 15 min . System E: System B with the following eluent: $0.1 \% \mathrm{aq}$. TFA / $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 1: 1$, at a flow rate of $20 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ for 15 min . System F: RP-HPLC (Eurosphere II, 100-5 $\mathrm{C}_{18}$ column, $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \times 150 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and $0.1 \%$ aq. TFA ( $\mathrm{pH} \sim 1.5$ ) [ $30 \% \mathrm{ACN}: 0-3$ min , then linear gradient from $30 \%$ to $100 \%$ of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ in 12 min ] at a flow rate of $1.2 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; UV-vis detection with diode array and at 254 nm (OF) and 470 nm (CF).

### 2.2 Preparation of boronic esters



Scheme S1. Preparation of pinacol ester of 3,5-di(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-4-methoxyphenylboronic acid.

## Di-tert-butyl 5-bromo-2-methoxyisophthalate (S1)



To a solution of 5-bromo-2-methoxyisophtalic $\mathrm{acid}^{1}(300 \mathrm{mg}, 1.10 \mathrm{mmol})$ and DMAP ( 27 mg , $0.22 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.2$ equiv.) in a mixture of $\mathrm{DCM}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and DMF ( 0.2 mL ), $\mathrm{Boc}_{2} \mathrm{O}(720 \mathrm{mg}, 3.30$ mmol, 3 equiv.) was added in one portion, and stirred at reflux overnight. Then, the resulting mixture was washed thrice with a sat. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution $(3 \times 35 \mathrm{~mL})$, brine $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $90: 10$ ) to afford the title compound $\mathbf{S 1}$ as viscous colorless oil ( $327 \mathrm{mg}, 77 \%$ yield). $R_{\mathrm{f}}\left(n\right.$-hexane/EtOAc, $9: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.8 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.86(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.59(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=$ 164.0, 157.7, 136.5, 130.5, 115.9, 82.7, 63.7, 28.3. HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 409.0627 $\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na},{ }^{79} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}, 411.0609\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na},{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}$(found), 411.0601 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{BrNaO}_{5}$, $\left.\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na},{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}\right)$.

## 3,5-Di(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-4-methoxyphenylboronic acid pinacol ester (C)



In a sealed tube purged with Ar , compound $\mathbf{S} 1(300 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol})$, bis-pinacolato diboron (b(pin) $)_{2} ; 237 \mathrm{mg}, 0.93 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv.), $\mathrm{KOAc}\left(23 \mathrm{mg}, 2.40 \mathrm{mmol}, 3\right.$ equiv.), $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{dppf}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(19$ $\mathrm{mg}, 23 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 0.03$ equiv.) were combined, and dry 1,4 -dioxan ( 5 mL ) was added. The reaction mixture was purged with Ar for further 5 min (Ar bubbling) and stirred at reflux (bath temp. $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) for 2 h . After removal of volatile materials in vacuum, EtOAc ( 30 mL ) was added, and
the reaction mixture was washed with brine $(2 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, concentrated under reduced pressure and subjected to column chromatography on silica gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 70:30) to afford the boronic pinacol ester $\mathbf{C}$ as a white solid ( 201 mg , $60 \%$ yield). $R_{\mathrm{f}}(n$-hexane/EtOAc, $4: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})=0.8 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.13(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.59(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.33(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=165.8,160.4$, 139.9 (overlap of 2 signals), 128.3, 84.3, 82.0, 63.5, 28.3, 25.0. ESI-MS, positive mode: m/z (rel. int., \%) $=457.1(100)[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 457.3 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{35} \mathrm{BNaO}_{7},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$).


Scheme S2. Pinacolato 3,5-bis[ $N, N$-di-(tert-butoxycarbonylmethyl)]carbamoyl-4-methoxyphenyl boronate.
Tetra-tert-butyl 5-bromo-2-methoxybenzene 1,3-bis-(carbonyl- N -iminodiacetate) (S2)


To a solution of 5-bromo-2-methoxyisophthalic acid ${ }^{1}$ ( $552 \mathrm{mg}, 2.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{SOCl}_{2}(1.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 20.0$ mmol, 10 equiv.) and few drops of DMF were added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed overnight with stirring. An excess of thionyl chloride was removed by distillation, the residue coevaporated twice with DCM was used directly in the next step. This acyl chloride was dissolved in 35 mL of dry DCM, and a solution of TEA ( $0.81 \mathrm{~mL}, 6.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv.) and di-tert-butyl iminodiacetate ${ }^{2}\left(1.03 \mathrm{~g}, 4.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.1\right.$ equiv.) was added dropwise at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After stirring overnight at r.t., the mixture was filtered, the filtrate was washed thrice with a saturated aq. solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(3 \times 35 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, concentrated under reduced pressure and subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to

80:20). The title compound $\mathbf{S 2}$ was isolated as a white solid ( $1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 69 \%$ yield). $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$ hexane/EtOAc, 7:3, v/v) $=0.67 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.43(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.54(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.90(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.48(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.42(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=167.6,167.4$, $164.4,133.4,132.4,130.4,115.7,82.4,82.3,51.7,50.6,47.7,28.2,28.1$. ESI-MS, positive mode: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (rel. int., \%; the octa-carboxylic acid was also detected), $505.1(100)\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H},{ }^{79} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}$, 506.9 (100) $\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H},{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}$(found), 506.2 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{11},\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H},{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}$), 751.2 (60) $\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na},{ }^{79} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}, 753.3$ (60) $\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na},{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}$(found), 752.6 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{49} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{11}$, $\left.\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na},{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}\right)$.

Pinacolato 3,5-bis[N,N-di-(tert-butoxycarbonylmethyl)]carbamoyl-4-methoxyphenyl boronate (E)


In a sealed tube purged with Ar , compound $\mathbf{S} \mathbf{2}(300 \mathrm{mg}, 0.41 \mathrm{mmol})$, bis-pinacolato diboron (b(pin) $)_{2} ; 125 \mathrm{mg}, 0.50 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv.), $\mathrm{KOAc}\left(121 \mathrm{mg}, 1.23 \mathrm{mmol}, 3\right.$ equiv.), and $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{dppf}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 12 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 0.03$ equiv.) were combined in dry 1,4 -dioxan ( 5 mL ). The reaction mixture was purged with Ar for 5 min (Ar bubbling) and stirred at reflux (bath temp. $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) for 4 h . After removal of volatile materials in vacuum, EtOAc ( 30 mL ) was added, and the reaction mixture was washed with brine $(2 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, concentrated under reduced pressure and subjected to column chromatography on silica gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $70: 30$ ) to afford the title compound $\mathbf{E}$ as a white solid ( $186 \mathrm{mg}, 58 \%$ yield). $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3, v/v) $=0.51 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ ): $\delta=7.72(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.53$ (m, 2 H ), $3.93(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.47(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.23(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=169.6,168.0,137.2,136.3,128.7,127.4,84.0,82.6,82.0,51.7,47.9,28.2,28.1$, methyl signals of pinacol residue are masked by strong singlets of tert-butyl groups. ESI-MS, positive mode: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (rel. int., \%) $=799.7$ (100) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 799.7 (calculated for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{39} \mathrm{H}_{61} \mathrm{BN}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{13},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$.

### 2.3 Symmetric DAE derivative

## Compound 3



To a solution of 1,2-bis(2-methyl-6-iodobenz[a]thiophen-1,1-dioxide-3yl)perfluorocyclopentene ${ }^{3}(123 \mathrm{mg}, 0.16 \mathrm{mmol})$ in a mixture of Toluene $/ \mathrm{EtOH}(3.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 6: 1$, $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ), ( $p$-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid ( $68 \mathrm{mg}, 0.45 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.8$ equiv.), $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ solution ( $2 \mathrm{M}, 0.2$ $\mathrm{mL}, 2.5$ equiv. $)$, and $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(9 \mathrm{mg}, 7.80 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ were added; the suspension was purged for 5 min with $\operatorname{Ar}\left(\mathrm{Ar}\right.$ "bubbling") and stirred 12 h at reflux (bath temperature $=100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). After cooling down, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Silica, washed with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 90:10 to 70:30) to afford compound $\mathbf{3}$ as a red solid ( $53 \mathrm{mg}, 45 \%$ yield). The closed isomer $(\approx 10 \%$ ) is produced during the preparation of this dye (see NMR spectra). ap:p $=55: 45 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=7.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}$, ap $)$, 7.88 (s, $0.9 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.75(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.9 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.21(\mathrm{~s}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.19(\mathrm{~s}, 0.9 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 6.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3.3 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 2.7 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.23(\mathrm{~s}$, $2.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.09(\mathrm{~s}, 3.2 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=160.6 \mathrm{ap}, 160.6 \mathrm{p}, 144.2 \mathrm{ap}$, $144.0 \mathrm{p}, 143.0 \mathrm{p}, 142.8 \mathrm{ap}, 136.1 \mathrm{ap}, 136.1 \mathrm{p}, 131.6 \mathrm{ap}, 131.4 \mathrm{p}, 130.5 \mathrm{ap}, 130.5 \mathrm{p}, 128.4 \mathrm{ap}$, $128.4 p, 127.5 p, 127.3 a p, 124.1 \mathrm{ap}, 124.0 \mathrm{p}, 122.9 \mathrm{ap}, 122.8 \mathrm{p}, 121.0 \mathrm{ap}, 120.9 \mathrm{p}, 114.9 \mathrm{ap}$, $114.8 p, 55.6$ p/ap, $9.1 \mathrm{ap}, 9.0 \mathrm{p} .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-109.86(\mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p)$, 131.97 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $762.1388\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right]^{+}$(found), 762.1413 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{37} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NO}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{2},\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right]^{+}$).

### 2.4 Asymmetric DAEs



Scheme S3. Synthesis of asymmetric DAEs as "di- and tetra-acids"


Scheme S4. Synthesis of asymmetric DAEs as "tetra- and octa-acids"

## General Procedure A1 (GP A1): "the first Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling"

To a solution of 1,2-bis(2-alkyl-6-iodobenz[a]thiophen-3-yl)perfluorocyclopentene ${ }^{3-4}$ (1 equiv., amount: $0.1-0.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in a mixture of $\mathrm{THF} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(4 \mathrm{~mL}, 3: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$, arylboronic ester ( 1 equiv.), $\mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ ( 3 equiv.), SPhos ( 0.1 equiv.) and $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{dba})_{2}$ ( 0.1 equiv.) were added; the suspension was purged for 5 min with Ar (Ar "bubbling") and stirred 4 h at reflux (bath temperature $=80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with brine ( $3 \times 25 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc) to afford the desired "mono-substituted monoiodide" DAE as a purple viscous semi-solid.

## General Procedure A2 (GP A2): "the second Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling"

To a solution of "mono-substituted monoiodide" (GP A1) (amount: 20-70 $\mu \mathrm{mol}$ ) in a mixture of THF/ $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(4 \mathrm{~mL}, 3: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$, arylboronic ester ( 3 equiv.), $\mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ ( 3 equiv.), SPhos ( 0.1 equiv.) and $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{dba})_{2}$ ( 0.095 equiv.) were added; the suspension was purged for 5 min with Ar ( Ar "bubbling") and stirred 4 h at reflux (bath temperature $=80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with brine ( $3 \times 25 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ( $n$ hexane/EtOAc) to afford the desired asymmetric DAE as a white solid.

## General Procedure B (GP B): "Benzothiophene oxidation"

To a solution of asymmetric DAE (GP A2) (amount: 10-40 $\mu \mathrm{mol}$ ) in DCM ( 2 mL ), $m$-CPBA ( 9 equiv.) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred 24 h at r.t. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM, washed with a sat. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( 20 mL ), brine ( 35 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc) to afford the desired oxidized compound as an orange solid.

## General Procedure C (GP C): "Cleavage of tert-butyl esters"

The oxidized DAE (amount: 10-30 $\mu \mathrm{mol}$ ) was dissolved in a mixture of TFA/DCM ( $4 \mathrm{~mL}, 1: 1$, $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) and stirred for 1 h at reflux. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuum and subjected to flash chromatography using a RP-C $\mathrm{C}_{18}$ cartridge. The product-containing fractions were pooled and lyophilized to give the desired compound as an amorphous orange solid.

## Compound S3b



The synthesis of this diiodide DAE was performed according to a published procedure ${ }^{5}$. Iodine ( $258 \mathrm{mg}, 1.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.9$ equiv.) and $\mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{IO}_{6}(35 \mathrm{mg}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.35$ equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of 1,2-bis(2-ethyl-benz[a]thiophen-3-yl)perfluorocyclopentene ( $560 \mathrm{mg}, 1.13$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{AcOH}(37.5 \mathrm{~mL}), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}(750 \mu \mathrm{~L})$, and water $(1.8 \mathrm{~mL})$, and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in the open air. The reaction mixture was poured into 100 mL of ice-water, diluted with EtOAc ( 100 mL ), washed with a sat. solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and brine, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $100 \% n$-hexane) to afford the "diiodo-sulfide" DAE as a white solid ( $306 \mathrm{mg}, 36 \%$ ). $a p: p=60: 40$. This compound was used in the next step without further purification (purity over $85 \%$ determined by NMR). $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane) $=0.40$. HR-MS (ESI, negative mode): 746.8599 [M-$\mathrm{H}]^{-}$(found), 746.8614 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{I}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}$).

## Compound S4a



Compound S4a was synthesized from 1,2-bis(2-methyl-6-iodobenz[a]thiophen-3yl)perfluorocyclopentene ${ }^{3}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ according to GP A1, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 90:10); 43 mg , $36 \%$ yield. This compound was used in the next step without further purification (purity over $85 \%$ determined by NMR). $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $9: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.30$. HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $893.0659[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 893.0661 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{39} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{INaO}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$).

## Compound S4b



Compound S4b was synthesized from 1,2-bis(2-ethyl-6-iodobenz[a]thiophen-3yl)perfluorocyclopentene ${ }^{4}(120 \mathrm{mg}, 0.16 \mathrm{mmol})$ according to GP A1, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 90:10); 60 mg , $42 \%$ yield. This compound was used in the next step without further purification (purity over $85 \%$ determined by NMR). $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $9: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.35$. HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $921.0963[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 921.0974 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{41} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{INaO}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$).

## Compound S5a



Compound S5a was synthesized from compound $\mathbf{S 4 a}$ ( $43 \mathrm{mg}, 0.049 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) according to GP A2, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $80: 20$ ); $26 \mathrm{mg}, 62 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $9: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.24$. ap: $p=65: 35 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.57$ (br. t, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 8.52 (br. t, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), 8.41 $(\mathrm{d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.78-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 6.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 6.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1.9 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.54(\mathrm{~s}, 1.0$ $\mathrm{H}, p), 2.52(\mathrm{~s}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.28(\mathrm{~s}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.65(\mathrm{~s}, 12.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 6.0$ $\mathrm{H}, p$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=165.1,159.4,159.4,144.0,143.5,142.8,141.0,139.2$, $139.2,138.1,137.6,137.1,136.1,133.2,133.1,133.0,131.9,130.6,129.4,129.3,129.1,128.5$, $128.4,128.4,124.3,124.2,124.1,122.7,122.7,122.5,122.4,122.2,120.8,120.6,1200,119.8$, $119.4,119.2,119.1,114.5,114.5,114.4,82.0,81.9,55.5,55.5,28.3,28.3,15.5,15.4 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-110.0$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), -132.8 (m, 2.0 F, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $873.2126[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 873.2114 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NaO}_{5} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$).

## Compound S5b



Compound $\mathbf{S 5 b}$ was synthesized from compound $\mathbf{S 4 b}(60 \mathrm{mg}, 0.067 \mathrm{mmol})$ according to GP A2, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $80: 20$ ); $36 \mathrm{mg}, 61 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}(n$-hexane/EtOAc, $9: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})=0.32$. ap:p $=60: 40 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.57$ (br. t, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 8.52 (br. t, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), 8.41 $(\mathrm{d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.90(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.80-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 6.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 6.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 2.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.96(\mathrm{~m}, 0.6$ $\mathrm{H}, p / a p), 2.77(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 2.50(\mathrm{~m}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.65(\mathrm{~s}, 12.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 6.0 \mathrm{H}, a p)$, $1.34(\mathrm{~m}, 2.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 0.87(\mathrm{~m}, 3.6 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=165.1,165.1,159.5$, $159.4,151.8,151.2,150.6,150.1,143.5,141.1,141.0,139.1,139.1,139.0,138.9,138.2,137.9$, $137.6,137.5,137.1,136.9,136.0,134.9,133.2,133.2,133.1,133.0,131.9,131.9,130.6,129.4$, $129.4,129.3,129.3,129.1,128.5,128.5,128.4,128.4,125.6,124.3,124.2,124.1,124.0,122.7$, 122.7, 122.4, 122.4, 122.3, 120.9, 120.8, 120.1, 120.0, 118.1, 117.9, 117.8, 114.5, 114.4, 82.0, 81.9, 55.5, 55.5, 28.3, 28.3, 23.6, 23.5, 23.3, 23.2, 16.1, 16.1, 15.6, 15.6. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 376 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-110.3(\mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p)$, $-132.7(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p)$. HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $901.2389[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 901.2427 (calculated for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NaO}_{5} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$.

## Compound S6a



Compound S6a was synthesized from S5a ( $26 \mathrm{mg}, 0.031 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) according to GP B, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $80: 20$ ); $21 \mathrm{mg}, 75 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $4: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.35$. ap: $p=50: 50 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=8.63(\mathrm{~s}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.58(\mathrm{~s}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.35(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.27(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.01-7.85(\mathrm{~m}, 3.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.76(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$ and $7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}, p)$, $7.71(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$ and $7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.64-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 3.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.20(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0$ H, p/ap), $7.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.83$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), $2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.12(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, a p), 2.10(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.65(\mathrm{~s}$, $9.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 9.0 \mathrm{H}, p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=164.6,160.6,144.5,144.3$,
$144.1,143.9,143.6,142.8,142.6,138.5,136.3,136.1,134.8,133.9,133.6,133.5,132.6,132.4$, $131.6,131.6,131.5,131.5,130.8,130.8,130.5,130.4,130.0,129.1,128.9,128.4,128.4,127.5$, $127.3,124.0,123.8,123.1,122.9,122.7,121.7,121.5,121.1,120.9,114.9,114.8,82.4,55.6$, 28.3, 14.3, 14.3. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-109.6$ (m, 4.0 F, p/ap), $-132.0(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{~F}$, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $937.1917[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 937.1910 (calculated for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NaO}_{9} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$.

## Compound S6b



Compound S6b was synthesized from $\mathbf{S 5 b}(35 \mathrm{mg}, 0.040 \mathrm{mmol})$ according to GP B, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $80: 20$ ); $18 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}(n$-hexane/EtOAc, $4: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})=0.28 . a p: p=55: 45 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.63$ (br. t, $J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 8.58 (br. t, $J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), 8.35 (d, $J=$ $1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.04-7.85(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.77(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.70(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.64-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.24(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1.7 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 1.3 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2.8 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 2.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}$, $p / a p), 1.64(\mathrm{~s}, 11 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 7 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.43(\mathrm{~m}, 2.7 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.11(\mathrm{~m}, 3.3 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=164.7,164.7,160,6,160.6,149.1,148.8,148.2,147.8,4144.3,144.2,142.8$, $142.7,138.5,138.5,136.8,136.8,136.6,136.6,134.8,134.0,133.6,133.5,132.5,132.2,131.6$, $131.6,131.3,131.1,130.8,130.8,130.5,130.5,130.4,130.0,129.0,128.9,128.5,128.4,128.4$, $127.4,127.3,123.5,123.4,123.3,123.2,122.9,121.3,120.6,114.9,114.8,82.4,82.4,55.6,55.5$, 28.3, 28.3, 19.5, 19.4, 19.4, 19.3, 12.1, 12.0, 11.9, 11.8. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-109.9$ (m, 4.0 F, p/ap), -132.1 (m, 2.0 F, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $965.2202[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$ (found), 965.2223 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NaO}_{9} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$).

## Compound 7-Me



Compound 7-Me was synthesized from S6a ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.023 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) according to GP C, and purified by flash chromatography using a RP-C18 cartridge (system D); $8 \mathrm{mg}, 43 \%$ yield. $a p: p=$

50:50. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMF-d $_{7}$ ): $\delta=8.71$ (br. t, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), 8.66 (m, $1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p$ ), $8.62(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.54(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $0.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.31(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.02(\mathrm{~m}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, p / a p$, masked by the signal of the residual CH-protons in DMF-d7), $7.89(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}$, p/ap $), 7.76(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, a p), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}$, $1.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.38(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.32(\mathrm{~s}, 3.0 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=167.8,167.8$, $162.0,161.9,145.5,144.8,143.5,143.4,140.3,140.2,137.4,137.3,135.0,134.7,134.1,134.0$, $133.4,133.4,133.2,131.7,131.3,129.9,129.9,128.3,125.8,125.7,125.5,124.6,124.5,123.0$, $122.8,121.6,121.5,116.0,115.9,56.5,56.5,9.8,9.5 .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=-109.2$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), $-130.2(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p)$. HR-MS (ESI, negative mode): $801.0671[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}$ (found), 801.0693 (calculated for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{38} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{9} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}\right)$. HPLC (system C): $t_{\mathrm{R}}=9.3 \mathrm{~min}(93 \%$ HPLC area, open form); 11.5 min ( $1 \%$ HPLC area, closed form).

## Compound 7-Et



Compound 7-Et was synthesized from S6b ( $18 \mathrm{mg}, 0.019 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) according to GP C, and purified by flash chromatography using a RP-C18 cartridge (system D); $9 \mathrm{mg}, 57 \%$ yield. $a p: p=$ 60:40. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=8.71$ (br. $\mathrm{t}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 8.66 (m, $0.8 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), $8.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.37$ (d, $J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.25(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.18(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.02(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}$, p/ap, overlaps with the signal of the residual CH-protons in DMF-d 7 ), 7.89 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, ~ p / a p$ ), 7.76 (m, $1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p$ ), 7.13 (d, $J=9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.82(\mathrm{~m}, 2.4 \mathrm{H}$, p/ap), $2.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1.6 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.41(\mathrm{~m}, 2.6 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.08(\mathrm{~m}, 3.4 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 126 MHz , DMF$\left.\mathrm{d}_{7}\right): \delta=167.5,167.5,161.7,161.6,150.5,150.2,149.4,149.3,144.7,144.7,143.4,143.3,140.0$, $139.9,137.6,137.5,137.5,137.3,134.7,134.3,133.8,133.7,133.1,133.1,132.9,131.4,131.4$, $131.0,130.9,129.6,129.6,129.6,129.5,128.0,127.8,126.1,125.8,125.6,124.1,124.0,122.4$, $122.2,121.0,120.9,115.7,115.6,56.2,56.2,20.1,20.0,20.0,19.9,12.8,12.7,12.6,12.4 .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR (471 MHz, DMF-d ${ }_{7}$ ): $\delta=-109.8$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), 130.7 (m, $2.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $853.0956[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 853.0971 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NaO}_{9} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$, $\left.[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$. HPLC (system B): $t_{\mathrm{R}}=10.8 \mathrm{~min}(91 \% \mathrm{HPLC}$ area, open form); $12.5 \mathrm{~min}(1 \%$ HPLC area, closed form).

## Compound S7



Compound S7 was synthesized from S4b ( $42 \mathrm{mg}, 48.2 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) according to GP A2, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 80:20); $28 \mathrm{mg}, 54 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v) $=0.20$. ap: $p=65: 35 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.55(\mathrm{bt}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.50(\mathrm{bt}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.03-7.99(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.96-7.91(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}$, p/ap), $7.85-7.60(\mathrm{~m}, 3.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.50(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz} \& 8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.43$ (dd, $J=1.8$ Hz \& $8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), $3.95(\mathrm{~s}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.94(\mathrm{~s}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 2.95(\mathrm{~m}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 2.78$ (m, $2.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 2.50(\mathrm{~m}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.64(\mathrm{~m}, 38.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 0.88(\mathrm{t}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3.6 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): Due to co-elution of this compound with the starting boronic ester (compound C), it was not possible to interpret the ${ }^{13} C$ NMR spectrum. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( 376 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-110.2(\mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p),-130.7(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p)$. ESI-MS, negative mode: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\mathrm{rel}$. int., $\%$ ) $=465.7$ (100) $[\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{H}+\mathrm{K}]^{-}$(found), 465.5 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{KF}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{9} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{H}+\mathrm{K}]^{-}$, premature cleavage of tert-butyl substituents occurred during this analysis).

## Compound S8



Compound $\mathbf{S 8}$ was synthesized from compound $\mathbf{S} 7(28 \mathrm{mg}, 25.9 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ according to GP B, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 80:20); $18 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $9: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.15$. ap: $p=60: 40 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.62$ (bt, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 8.58 (bt, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), 8.35 (d, $J$ $=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.10-7.95(\mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.92-7.86(\mathrm{~m}$, $1.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.82(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.7$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.72(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), $7.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.59(\mathrm{~m}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.91(\mathrm{~s}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}$, p), $2.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2.7 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 2.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1.3 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.65(\mathrm{~s}, 11.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.63(\mathrm{~s}, 11.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.60(\mathrm{~s}$, $7.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.58(\mathrm{~s}, 7.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2.6 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.11(\mathrm{~m}, 3.4 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=165.0,165.0,164.7,164.6,159.1,159.0,149.2,149.0,148.8,148.8,142.8,142.7$, $142.5,142.4,138.5,138.4,136.8,136.8,134.8,133.9,133.6,133.5,133.2,133.2,132.5,132.3$, $132.2,132.1,132.0,131.6,131.6,130.9,130.8,130.4,130.0,129.8,129.6,129.0,128.8,128.6$,
$128.5,123.4,123.3,123.1,123.0,121.3,121.3,121.0,121.0,82.8,82.7,82.4,82.4,63.8 .63 .7$, 28.3, 28.3, 19.5, 19.4, 12.0, 11.8. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-109.9$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), 132.2 (m, 2 F, p/ap). ESI-MS, positive mode: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (rel. int., \%) $=1166.2(100)[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 1166.2 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{58} \mathrm{H}_{60} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NaO}_{13} \mathrm{~S}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$.

## Compound 8



Compound $\mathbf{8}$ was synthesized from compound $\mathbf{S 8}$ ( $18 \mathrm{mg}, 15.7 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) according to GP C, and purified by flash chromatography using a RP-C18 cartridge (system E); $5 \mathrm{mg}, 35 \%$ yield. $a p: p=$ 60:40. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}_{\mathrm{d}}^{7}$ ): $\delta=8.71$ (br. $\mathrm{t}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 8.64 (m, 2.4 H , $p / a p), 8.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.53-8.48(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}$, p/ap), $8.36(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.33(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.29(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and 8.0 $\mathrm{Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.17(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 8.12(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$ and $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.02\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}\right.$, p/ap, overlaps with the residual proton signals of DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ), $7.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 4.00(\mathrm{~s}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.94(\mathrm{~s}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}$, p), 2.87-2.62 (m, 4.0 H , p/ap, overlaps with the residual proton signals of DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ), $1.42(\mathrm{~m}$, $2.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.09(\mathrm{~m}, 3.6 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=167.9,167.5,159.8,150.5$, $150.3,150.2,150.0,143.4,143.2,142.9,142.8,141.0,140.0,139.8,137.6,137.6,137.4,137.4$, $134.7,134.4,134.2,134.0,133.9,133.8,133.8,133.1,133.0,131.3,130.6130 .5,130.1,129.6$, $129.4,129.2,129.0,125.8,123.9,123.9,122.4,122.3,122.2,121.9,121.9,64.2,64.1,20.1,20.0$, 12.7, 12.5, 12.5, 12.4. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $471 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=-109.7$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), $-130.8(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0$ F, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $941.0748[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 941.0768 (calculated for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{NaO}_{13} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$. HPLC (system A): $t_{\mathrm{R}}=13.1 \mathrm{~min}(4 \%$ peak area, closed form), 13.7 $\min (96 \%$ peak area, open form).

## Compound S9



Compound $\mathbf{S 9}$ was synthesized from 1,2-bis(2-ethyl-6-iodobenz[a]thiophen-3yl)perfluorocyclopentene ${ }^{4}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.134 \mathrm{mmol})$ according to GP A1, and purified by column
chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 70:30); 42 mg , $25 \%$ yield. This compound was used in the next step without further purification (HPLC area of the main peak $85 \%$ ). $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $4: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.5$. HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $1263.2767[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 1263.2765 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{57} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{IN}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{10} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$).

## Compound S10



Compound $\mathbf{S 1 0}$ was synthesized from compound $\mathbf{S} 9(39 \mathrm{mg}, 24.2 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ according to GP A2, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $60: 40$ ); 20 mg , $53 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $4: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.35 . a p: p=70: 30 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=7.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.7 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.7 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.83(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.3 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.3 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.7$ $\mathrm{H}, a p), 7.69(\mathrm{~m}, 1.3 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.65-7.54(\mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.50-7.38(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.00(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, p), 4.21(\mathrm{~s}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}, a p), 4.20(\mathrm{~s}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}, a p) 4.18(\mathrm{~s}$, $0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 4.16(\mathrm{~s}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.99(\mathrm{~s}, 2.7 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{ap}), 3.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{ap}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{ap}), 3.81$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{ap}), 2.95-2.74(\mathrm{~m}, 2.6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{ap}), 2.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{ap}), 1.50(\mathrm{~s}, 13.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.48(\mathrm{~s}$, $5.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.37(\mathrm{~s}, 13.0 \mathrm{H}, a p), 1.32(\mathrm{~m}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.27(\mathrm{~s}, 5.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 0.84(\mathrm{~m}, 4.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ap}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=171.5,168.7,168.6,168.3,168.2,159.8,159.7,152.3,151.0$, $142.0,142.0$, 139.4, 139.4, 139.3, 139.2, 138.6, 137.9, 137.9, 137.4, 137.0, 136.9, 135.8, 135.8, $133.5,133.5,128.8,128.7,127.5,127.5,124.5,124.5,124.4,124.3,124.2,124.0,123.0,123.0$, $122.8,122.7,122.5,121.1,121.0,120.4,120.3,118.2,118.1,114.8,114.7,83.4,83.3,82.6,82.6$, $55.9,55.8,52.9,52.8,48.9,28.6,28.6,28.4,28.2,23.9,23.6,23.5,16.5,16.4,16.0,15.8 .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-110.3$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), -132.8 (m, 2.0 F, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $1243.4219[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 1243.4217 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{64} \mathrm{H}_{70} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{11} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$, $\left.[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$.

## Compound S11



Compound S11 was prepared from $\mathbf{S 1 0}(20 \mathrm{mg}, 16.4 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ according to GP B, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 60:40) $18 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}(n$-hexane $/$ EtOAc, $4: 1, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})=0.28 . a p: p=60: 40 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.06$ (bt, $\left.J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p\right), 7.98(\mathrm{bt}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6$ $\mathrm{H}, a p), 7.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 1.6 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.75$ (d, $J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz} \& 8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p)$, $7.62-7.60(\mathrm{~m}, 3.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 6.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 4.18(\mathrm{~m}, 4.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 2.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}, a p)$, $3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.68-2.52(\mathrm{~m}, 3.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 2.43-2.35(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.50(\mathrm{~s}, 11.0 \mathrm{H}, a p)$, $1.48(\mathrm{~s}, 7.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.41(\mathrm{~m}, 13.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.32(\mathrm{~s}, 7.0 \mathrm{H}, p), 1.07(\mathrm{~m}, 3.6 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=170.7,168.3,168.2,167.8,167.8,160.6,160.6,149.4,149.1,148.2,147.8$, $144.3,142.2,142.1,139.1,139.1,137.2,137.1,137.0,137.0,136.6,136.5,134.8,133.8,132.4$, $132.1,131.6,131.3,131.2,130.5,130.4,130.3,130.0,129.2,128.4,128.4,128.4,125.3,125.1$, $123.5,123.4,123.2,123.1,123.0,122.8,120.9,120.7,120.6,114.9,114.8,83.3,83.2,82.4,55.6$, 55.5, 52.6, 52.5, 48.6 48.6, 28.3, 28.3, 28.1, 28.0, 19.5, 19.4, 19.3, 19.2, 12.1, 12.0, 11.9, 11.7. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-109.9$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), -132.3 (m, 2.0 F, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $1307.4004[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 1307.4014 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{64} \mathrm{H}_{70} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{15} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$, $\left.[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$.

## Compound 10



Compound 10 was prepared from $\mathbf{S 1 1}(18 \mathrm{mg}, 14.0 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ according to GP C, and purified by flash chromatography using a RP-C18 cartridge (system E); $7 \mathrm{mg}, 47 \%$ yield). ap:p $=60: 40 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, ~ D M F-\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=8.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.38(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.23(\mathrm{~m}$, $0.8 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 8.17(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.1$ and $1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p), 8.11(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0$ and $1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, a p)$, $8.03-7.94$ (m, 2.6 H, p/ap, overlaps with the signal of the residual CH-protons in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ), $7.89(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 7.55 (br. t, $J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 7.51 (br. t, $J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.4 \mathrm{H}, a p$ ), 7.14 (d, $J=8.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}, p), 4.36(\mathrm{~s}, 2.5 \mathrm{H}, a p), 4.35(\mathrm{~m}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 4.33(\mathrm{~s}, 2.5$ $\mathrm{H}, a p), 4.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, p), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1.7 \mathrm{H}, a p), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 1.3 \mathrm{H}, p), 2.85-2.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2.5 \mathrm{H}, p / a p$, overlaps with the signal of the residual $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-protons in $\left.\mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}\right), 2.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / a p), 1.41(\mathrm{~m}$, $2.5 \mathrm{H}, p$ ), 1.03 (m, 3.5 H, ap). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=172.4,171.8,171.7,171.5$, $162.0,161.9,150.7,150.4,149.6,149.5,144.9,143.6,143.4,139.9,139.8,138.7,138.6,137.8$,
$137.8,137.6,137.5,134.8,134.4,133.4,133.1,131.2,131.1,129.9,129.8,129.8,129.7,128.2$, $127.9,127.9,126.7,126.6,126.3,126.0,125.8,124.3,124.2,122.3,122.1,121.2,121.1,116.0$, $115.9,56.4,56.4,53.1,53.0,49.3,49.2,20.3,20.3,20.1,20.1,13.0,12.9,12.7,12.6 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR (471 MHz, DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}$ ): $\delta=-109.7$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), -130.7 (m, 2.0 F, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, negative mode): $1059.1510[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}$(found), 1059.1545 (calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{15} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]$ ). HPLC (system A): $t_{\mathrm{R}}=15.4 \mathrm{~min}$ ( $90 \%$ peak area, open form); 16.7 min ( $2 \%$ peak area, closed form).

## Compound S12



Compound $\mathbf{S 1 2}$ was prepared from $\mathbf{S 9}(90 \mathrm{mg}, 72.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ according to GP A2, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to 60:40) $83 \mathrm{mg}, 65 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}(n$-hexane $/ \mathrm{EtOAc}, 3: 2, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})=0.52 . a p: p=70: 30 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=7.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.7 \mathrm{H}, a p), 7.84(\mathrm{~m}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, p), 7.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}, a p)$, $7.72-7.43$ (m, 6.0 H, p/ap), $7.40-7.29$ (m, 1.6 H, p/ap), $7.11-7.04$ (m, 0.7 H, p/ap), $4.64-4.45$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2.0 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / a p), 4.26-4.15(\mathrm{~m}, 3.0 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / a p), 4.07-3.80(\mathrm{~m}, 14.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 3.00-2.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0$ H, p/ap $), 2.47-2.33(\mathrm{~m}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}$, p/ap $), 1.51-1.46(\mathrm{~m}, 36.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.42-1.30(\mathrm{~m}, 37.6 \mathrm{H}$, $p / a p), 0.90-0.80(\mathrm{~m}, 4.4 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=171.0,169.2,168.2,168.0$, $168.0,167.9,167.8,167.8,151.4,141.5,138.9,138.9,138.1,136.5,135.3,129.8,127.1,124.0$, $123.7,122.5,122.4,120.6,117.6,82.9,82.1,82.1,81.9,52.4,51.6,51.6,48.4,23.0,23.0,15.4$, 15.4. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $471 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-110.2$ (m, $4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ), -132.9 (m, $2.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p$ ). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $1785.7057[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 1785.7057 (calculated for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{90} \mathrm{H}_{112} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{NaO}_{21} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$.

## Compound S13



Compound S13 was synthesized from S12 (70 mg, $39.7 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ according to GP B, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel gel ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, with a gradient from 100:0 to $60: 40$ ); $36 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ yield. $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc, $3: 2, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) $=0.45$. ap:p $=65: 35 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.03-7.70(\mathrm{~m}, 6.35 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.66-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 3.65 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 7.28-7.19(\mathrm{~m}$, 1.0 H , p/ap, overlaps with the signal of the residual CH-protons in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $4.61-4.41(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0$ H, p/ap ), 4.26-4.13 (m, 4.0 H, p/ap), 4.05-3.81 (m, $13.0 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{p} / a p), 2.67-2.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2.4 \mathrm{H}, p / a p)$, 2.39-2.26(m, $1.6 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.52-1.44(\mathrm{~m}, 38.0 \mathrm{H}, p / a p), 1.40-1.28(\mathrm{~m}, 36 \mathrm{H}, p / a p)$, $1.07-$ $0.97(\mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \mathrm{H}, a p) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-109.8(\mathrm{~m}, 4.0 \mathrm{~F}, p / a p),-132.2(\mathrm{~m}, 2.0 \mathrm{~F}$, p/ap). HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): $1849.6860[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$(found), 1849.6853 (calculated for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{90} \mathrm{H}_{122} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{NaO}_{25} \mathrm{~S}_{2},[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$.

## 3. Immunolabeling and fluorescence imaging

### 3.2 Photoswitching of bioconjugates

To ensure that the DAEs bound to proteins were still photochemically active, diluted samples (in MeOH and PBS; $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$ ) of the bioconjugates were placed into a 1 cm path quartz cuvette and irradiated under conditions similar to the conditions used for photoswitching of the free dyes, in MeOH and PBS . Photoisomerizations of the probes in both directions (with 365 nm light $(\mathrm{OF} \rightarrow \mathrm{CF})$ and $470 \mathrm{~nm}(\mathrm{CF} \rightarrow \mathrm{OF})$ light) were observed, with the concomitant changes in fluorescence emission (Figure S1).


Figure S1. Absorption and emission changes upon irradiation of two representative bioconjugates of 4-Et (DOL = $3, \mathrm{~A})$ and $11(\mathrm{DOL}=5, \mathrm{~B})$ in $\operatorname{PBS}(\mathrm{pH}=7.4)$. Diluted samples in a 1 cm -path quartz cuvette were irradiated under continuous stirring. Typical irradiation light powers were around $20-30 \mathrm{~mW}$. Absorption and emission spectra were recorded after each irradiation step ( $10-60$ s).

### 3.3 Immunolabeling protocol

Vero cell samples cells were grown on standard cover slips and then fixed with previously cooled $\left(-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ methanol for 5 min , and blocked with $5 \%(\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{v})$ BSA in PBS $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$ (blocking buffer). Then the cells were incubated with a primary antibody at r.t. for 1 h , followed by three washing steps of 5 min each with blocking buffer. The cells were then incubated at r.t. for 1 h with the labelled bioconjugates (typical dilutions of $1: 50$ to $1: 100$ from the purified bioconjugate), washed again ( 5 min each step) three times with blocking buffer and, finally, with mounting medium (PBS, pH 7.4 ). The samples were mounted with PBS ( $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$ ) in concave microscopy slides and sealed with a silicone resin (Picodent Twinsil) to prevent leakage. As primary antibodies (Abcam, Cambridge, UK), mouse and rabbit anti- $\alpha$-tubulin, mouse anti-NUP 153 , and rabbit anti-vimentin were used.

### 3.4 Confocal images

Standard confocal images were acquired in a commercial Leica TCS SP5 confocal microscope. Images (Figures S2 and S3) were recorded with 488 nm excitation, after a short (ca. 1-5 s) and low- intensity wide-field pre-activation with $\sim 366 \mathrm{~nm}$ light, from the mercury lamp. Detection was collected between 520 and 670 nm . A fading of the signal was observed after one or several consecutive scans of the same area, due to the isomerization ( $\mathrm{CF} \rightarrow \mathrm{OF}$ ) induced by the excitation light (a process competing with fluorescence emission of the probe). The signal can be recovered with another pre-activation pulse, and thus further imaging of the same area can be repeated several times.


Figure S2. Confocal imaging with a 4-Et bioconjugate. First, an overview of a cell was recorded (A). Then, an image of the ROI (boxed area in A) was acquired (B). The pixel size in $B$ is smaller than in $A, C-D$, and thus markers received a higher light dose. The following overview image (C) shows the fading of the signal in the ROI. The signal is recovered (D) after a short exposition (a few seconds) to UV light (wide-field illumination of a Hg lamp selected with a filter), which demonstrates that the fading was due to the cycloreversion of the DAE markers.


Figure S3. Confocal imaging with a $\mathbf{1 1}$ bioconjugate. A total of 17 frames were successively acquired on the same FOV (frames 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17 are shown). The sample was then exposed for a few seconds to UV light (wide-field illumination of a Hg lamp selected with a filter), and a new frame was acquired. Exact same imaging settings were used for all frames.

### 3.5 Superresolution (PALM/STORM) imaging

### 3.5.1 STORM Microscope:

The microscope (Figure S4) is based on a commercial microscope stand (Olympus IX71) and imaging was carried out using a $100 \times 1.4 \mathrm{NA}$ oil-immersion objective (OB: Olympus UPLSAPO 100XO). Excitation light sources included a 488 nm Argon laser (L 488: Innova 70C Argon filled, Coherent, $\sim 0.5 \mathrm{~kW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ ), and a 375 nm laser diode (L 375: CUBE 375, Coherent, $\sim 13 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ ). The 488 nm was modulated using an acouto-optic tunable filter (AOTF: PCAOM VIS, Crystal Technology). The 375 nm beam was combined into the excitation beam path after the AOTF by a dichroic mirror (Di01-R405-25x36, Semrock), and was modulated using its own digital \& analog modulation inputs. The combined beams were expanded and cropped using an aperture, in order to achieve a relatively flat illumination profile, before being focused to the back focal plane of the objective lens, such that the light beam reaching the sample is collimated. The lateral position of the excitation beam focus in the objective was adjusted using a translation stage in the excitation beam path, such that the illumination could be brought in to a total-internal-reflection (TIRF) configuration.

A quad band dichroic mirror (ZT405/488/561/640rpc, Chroma) was used to separate the incoming excitation light from the outgoing fluorescence. The fluorescence was further filtered using a quad band notch filter (NF01-405/488/557/640-25x5.0-D, Semrock) and a band-pass filter (FF01-582/75-25, Semrock). The fluorescence image of the sample was relayed through a telescope and detected using an EMCCD camera (IXON+ DU860, Andor Technologies).

Sample focus was maintained during imaging using a custom-built focus lock system. An infrared laser beam was introduced into the microscope through the right side port and coupled into the optical path using a dichroic mirror (900SPRDC, Chroma). The beam was focused to the back focal plane of the objective and the focal position was adjusted to bring the beam into TIRF at the water-glass interface in the sample. The position of the reflected beam was monitored using a quadrant-photodiode and this provided a measure of the sample position above the objective lens. The objective lens position was then continuously adjusted using a piezo positioner (MIPOS 250, Piezo Jena). Residual infrared light was blocked in the detection path using a short-pass filter (FF01-842/SP-25, Semrock).


Figure S4. Schematic representation of the microscope used, a custom-build wide field microscope with a TIRF illumination system.

### 3.5.2 Detected photons per switching event



Figure S5. Histogram of detected photons per switching event, generated from every single molecule localized and used to reconstruct superresolution images presented in the text (Figures $2-4$ ). The average values reported for each case were calculated from a mono-exponential fit, as in Dempsey et al. (6). When calculating the mean or median value, only photon counts on the right side of the distribution (larger than the maximum of the histogram) were considered.

### 3.5.3 Photoinduced control of the amount of events per frame



Figure S6. Superresolution images (STORM) without (A) and with activation light of 375 nm (B), of Vero cells immunostained with a primary antibody against tubulin and a secondary antibody labelled with compound 4-Et ( $\mathrm{DOL}=3.5$ ). Mounting media used was $\mathrm{PBS} \mathrm{pH}=7.4$. No photoactivation (only excitation at 488 nm ) was used in the first 50000 frames; slow photobleaching is evidenced by an exponential decay of the detected events per frame (C). Then, the activation laser was enabled at low power and increased stepwise, as indicated by black arrows in (D). The activation laser was disabled for ca. 2000 frames (red arrow); spontaneous activations is still present, but at a lower rate than in the presence of photoactivation (the latter is $\sim 3$-fold higher). At the end of the image acquisition, the activation laser was considerable increased beyond the condition to achieve a sparse distribution but enough to achieve a wide field image; a frame (only 10 ms integration) is shown in (E). This demonstrates the remaining amount of usable markers after 100000 frames. The inhomogeneity of the bleaching is also appreciated. Scale-bars: $2 \mu \mathrm{~m}$.

### 3.6 Photoswitching fatigue resistance of compounds 4-Et and 11 at the ensemble level, in methanol and aqueous buffered solutions



Figure S7. Photoswitching fatigue resistance of compounds 4-Et and 11 in methanol and aqueous PBS. Solutions of each compound (OF) were freshly prepared ( $c_{0}=4-5 \mu \mathrm{M}=[\mathrm{OF}]+[\mathrm{CF}]$ ). The samples ( 3 mL ) were irradiated under continuous stirring with UV light ( 365 nm ), until $85-90 \%$ conversion to the $\mathrm{CF}\left(\alpha_{\mathrm{CF}}=[\mathrm{CF}] / c_{0}>0.85\right)$ was achieved, and then irradiated with visible light $(470 \mathrm{~nm})$, until the reaction was reversed to a conversion below $10 \%\left(\alpha_{\text {CF }}<\right.$ 0.10 ). The intensity of the irradiation sources ( $20 \mathrm{~mW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ and $35 \mathrm{~mW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ for UV and visible light, respectively) was the same in all experiments. The time required for each semi-cycle was found $\left(t_{\mathrm{UV}}=3-20 \mathrm{~min}\right.$ and $t_{\mathrm{VIS}}=33-$ 80 min ) and used for repeating the photoconversion for 14 full cycles (in total, $8-23$ hours of irradiation was required for each solution). The degree of conversion was evaluated by measuring the absorption of the closed form in the visible range using a single beam spectrometer. The amount of compound irreversibly photobleached after 14 cycles was very similar for both compounds, and amounted to $7 \%$ in methanol, and $15 \%$ in PBS ( $\pm 2 \%$ ). From this experiment, we can conclude that these compounds can endure in average several tens of cycles, determined from the number of cycles needed to photobleach half of the initial dye amount.

### 3.7 Fourier ring correlation analysis of the images



Figure S8. Fourier ring correlation (FRC) of the localizations presented in Figure 2; a smoothed FRC curve is shown as a solid blue line within the noisy FRC data (blue dots). The resolution of the image is estimated from the intersection between the FRC and the $2 \sigma$ threshold, yielding a value of around 90 nm .

### 3.8 Imaging in "blinking buffer"



Figure S9. Superresolution images (STORM) of Vero cells immunolabeled with primary antibody against tubulin and secondary antibodies conjugated with compound 4-Et in (A) PBS $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$ and (B-C) in blinking buffer without UV activation. The image in $B$ is the same as in $C$, with a saturated colormap. The blinking buffer (TRIS $\mathrm{pH}=8.0$ ) contained an enzymatic oxygen scavenger system and $\beta$-mercaptoethylamine. Scale-bars: $1 \mu \mathrm{~m}$.

## 4. NMR spectra and RP-HPLC traces of symmetric dimethoxy DAEs derivatives: compounds 3, 4-Me and 4-Et

## Compound 3

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$



## ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$


${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ( 471 MHz )



## Compound 4-Me

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d 7 ( 376 MHz )


RP-HPLC elution profile (system A)


## Compound 4-Et

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in DMF-d ${ }_{7}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d $\mathrm{d}_{7}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$





RP-HPLC elution profile (system F); "open-ring" isomer - red trace ( 254 nm ), "closed-ring" isomer - blue trace ( 470 nm ):


RP-HPLC elution profile (system F); "closed-ring" isomer showing green trace ( 254 nm ) and black trace ( 470 nm ) was isolated by HPLC and immediately analyzed in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ :


RP-HPLC elution profile (system F): "closed-ring" isomer in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ solution after storing for 3 weeks in the dark at room temperature; relative intensities of the red ( 254 nm ) and blue ( 470 nm ) traces indicate that the peak with $t_{\mathrm{R}}=7.43 \mathrm{~min}$ is not an "open-ring" isomer:


## 5. NMR spectra and RP-HPLC traces of asymmetric DAEs derivatives

## Compound S5a


${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF $_{\text {pax }}-\mathrm{d}_{7}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$


## Compound S5b

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

* peaks assigned to residual EtOAc

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$


[^0]${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d $(376 \mathrm{MHz})$




## Compound S6a

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz}) \quad$ * peaks assigned to residual EtOAc

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$


## Compound S6b

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$

$\longrightarrow$


## Compound 7－Me

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in DMF－ $\mathrm{d}_{7}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum in DMF-d ${ }_{7}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$


${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d $\mathrm{d}_{7}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$


RP-HPLC elution profile (system C)


## Compound 7-Et

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in DMF-d ${ }_{7}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$




${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d $\mathrm{d}_{7}(471 \mathrm{MHz})$


RP-HPLC elution profile (system C)


## Compound S7

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

* peaks assigned to residual boronic ester

${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$



## Compound S8

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$


| 00 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 |  | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 |  | 10 | 0 |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | f1 (ppm) | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$


## Compound 8

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$


| 00 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 10 | 10 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
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${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d $7(471 \mathrm{MHz})$


RP-HPLC elution profile (system A)


## Compound S10

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$


| 00 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
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${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$




## Compound S11

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$


${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$



## Compound 10

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in DMF-d $\mathrm{d}_{7}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$



${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in DMF-d 7 ( 126 MHz )

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d 7 ( 471 MHz )



RP-HPLC elution profile (system A)


## Compound S12

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(471 \mathrm{MHz})$



## Compound S13

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(376 \mathrm{MHz})$


## Compound 11

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(500 \mathrm{MHz}) \quad$ *,** peaks assigned to residual solvent $\left(\mathrm{DCM}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d $\mathrm{d}_{7}(471 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum in DMF-d ${ }_{7}(471 \mathrm{MHz})$




RP-HPLC elution profile (system F); "open-ring" isomer - red trace (254 nm); "closed-ring" isomer - blue trace ( 470 nm ):


RP-HPLC elution profile (system F); "closed-ring" isomer, which shows green trace ( 254 nm ) and black trace ( 470 nm ), was isolated by HPLC and immediately analyzed in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ :


RP-HPLC elution profile (system F): "closed-ring" isomer dissolved in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ after storing for 3 weeks in the dark at room temperature; red trace ( 254 nm ) and blue trace ( 470 nm )


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