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Desymmetrization-like Catalytic Enantioselective Fluorination of Malonates and Its Application to Pharmaceutically Attractive Molecules

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General Methods:

All reactions were performed in oven-dried under positive of nitrogen. Solvents were transferred *via* syringe and were introduced into the reaction vessels though a rubber septum. All of the reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm Merck silica gel (60-F254). The TLC plates were visualized with UV light and 7% phosphomolybdic acid or *p*-anisaldehyde in ethanol/heat. Column chromatography was carried out on a column packed with silica gel 60N spherical neutral size10-63 µm. The ¹H NMR (200, 300 MHz), ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz), and ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, 100.6 MHz, 150.9 MHz) spectra for solution in CDCl₃ and CD₃OD were recorded on a Varian Gemini-200, XL-200, Unity-400plus, Bruker 600, chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm downfield from internal TMS or CHCl₃ or CH₃OH. HPLC analyses were performed on a JASCO PU-2080 plus using 4.6 x 250 mm CHIRALCEL OJ-H or CHIRALCEL OD-H column. GC analyses were performed on a SHIMADZU GC 14B using a CP-CHIRASIL-DEX CB and HYDRODEX-β-TBDAc. Mass spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU DCMS-QP5050A. Optical rotations were measured on a HORIBA SEPA-300. Infrared spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-200 spectrometer.

Materials

 CH_2Cl_2 was distilled from CaH_2 prior to use. All commercially available reagents were used as received. Malonic esters were prepared according to literature.¹ (*R*,*R*)-4,6-Dibenzofurandiyl-2,2'-bis(4-phenyloxazoline) (DBFOX-Ph) was prepared following a literature procedure.²

Optimization of Chemoselective Reduction of 2a

Chemoselective reduction of **2a** was initially examined using the DIBAL-H conditions described for the chemoselective reduction of *tert*-butyl methyl diesters of asparagine and glutamine,^{3a,b} however, attempts with our *tert*-butyl methyl malonate **2a** failed to occur (Table 3, runs 1–4). Attempted selective reduction of **2a** using LiAlH₄ at –78 °C according to the reported procedure^{3c} gave the corresponding the 2-

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fluorinated hydroxyester 3a in low yields (runs 5 and 6). The yield of 3a was improved to 45% when the reduction was performed with LiAl(O'Bu)₃H^{3d} in THF at -78 °C to rt (run 7). The best results were achieved with 5 equiv of LiAl(O^tBu)₃H in THF at -78 °C to rt to give **3a** in 89% yield after optimization of the conditions (runs 7—10). Optimization of the chemoselective reduction of **2c** was also shown in Table S2.

	F, CH₂Ph	re	educing ag	ent		∶H₂Ph
MeC)OC´ `COO ^t Bu (<i>S</i>)- 2a	so	lvent, temp	o, time	(S)- 3 a	COO ^t Bu I
run	Reducing reagent	equiv	solvent	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%) ^[a]
1	DIBAL-H	1.0	CH_2CI_2	-78	0.5	trace
2	DIBAL-H	2.0	CH_2CI_2	-78	0.5	trace
3	DIBAL-H	3.0	CH_2CI_2	-78	0.5	trace
4	DIBAL-H	2.0	THF	-78	0.5	trace
5	LiAlH₄	2.0	THF	-78	1.0	35
6	LiAlH₄	3.0	THF	-78	2.0	30
7	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	1.1	THF	–78 to rt	24	45
8	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	3.0	THF	–78 to rt	2.0	76
9	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	4.0	THF	-78 to rt	1.0	86
10	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	5.0	THF	–78 to rt	1.0	89

Table S1: Optimization of Chemoselective Reduction of Chiral Fluorinated Malonate 2a

[a] Isolated yield.

HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OJ-H hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.5 mL/min)





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CH		PKNO	TIME	AREA%	HEIGHT%	CH	PKNO	TIME	AREA%	HEIGHT%
	9	1	14.26	50.16	57.36	9	1	14.29	0.51	1.19
	9	2	17.52	49.83	42.63	9	2	17.42	99.48	98.81

	F, Me	re	educing ag	ent	F, N	le
MeC	00C [~] `COO ^t Bu (S)- 2c	so	lvent, temp	o, time	(S)-30	COO ^t Bu
run	Reducing reagent	equiv	solvent	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%) ^[a]
1	DIBAL-H	1.0	CH_2CI_2	-78	0.5	trace
2	DIBAL-H	2.0	CH_2CI_2	-78	0.5	trace
3	DIBAL-H	3.0	CH_2CI_2	-78	0.5	trace
4	DIBAL-H	2.0	THF	-78	0.5	trace
5	LiAlH₄	2.0	THF	-78	1.0	31
6	LiAlH₄	3.0	THF	-78	1.0	34
7	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	1.0	THF	–78 to rt	24	37
8	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	3.0	THF	–78 to rt	1.0	74
9	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	4.0	THF	–78 to rt	1.0	79
10	LiAl(O ^t Bu)₃H	5.0	THF	–78 to rt	1.0	85

Table S2: Optimization of Chemoselective Reduction of Chiral Fluorinated Malonate 2c

[a] Isolated yield.

GC (CP-CHIRASIL-DEX CB, 90 °C isothermal)



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СН	PKNO	TIME	AREA%	HEIGHT	СН	PKNO	TIME	AREA%	HEIGHT
1	1	34.32	51.13	1483	1	1	35.90	0.592	44
1	2	39.11	48.86	1183	1	2	38.89	99.40	1602

Determination of the absolute configuration of 2c



(S)-Ethyl- 2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-2-methyl propionate (21)

 H_2SO_4 (2 drops) was added into a solution of **3c** (21.9 mg, 0.114 mmol) in ethanol (2.0 mL) at room temperature and the resulting mixture was stirred for 9 h at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to about 1/6 of its original volume, and then ether was added. The ether solution was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, brine, and dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/AcOEt = 70/30 to give **21** (85%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.32 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H); 1.54 (d, *J*=21.6 Hz, 3H); 2.20 (s, 1H); 3.73-4.01 (m, 2H); 4.28 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -164.2- -163.6 (m); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.1, 19.7 (d, *J*=23.5 Hz), 61.9, 67.0 (d, *J*=23.4 Hz), 95.4 (d, *J*=184 Hz), 170.6 (d, *J*=25.5 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 120 (M⁺-Et); IR (neat): 3443, 2987, 2939, 1740, 1665, 1454, 1384, 1308, 1228, 1136, 1067, 1019, 901 cm⁻¹.

General procedure for the Catalytic Enantioselective Fluorination of Malonic esters (1):

Zn(OAc)₂ (10 mol%) and the (*R*,*R*)-4,6-dibenzofurandiyl-2,2'-bis(4-phenyloxazoline) (11 mol%) were stirred under vacuum for 2 h at room temperature. Dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.3 mL) and MS 4A (substrate/MS 4A=1:500 mol/g) were added under nitrogen atmosphere and stirred for 1 h. Then a solution of malonic esters (0.10-0.25 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 mL) was added to catalyst solution. After stirring for another 30 min, *N*-fluorobenzenesulfonimide (1.2 equiv) was added directly to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred under reflux for 15-48 h with monitoring by TLC, it was stopped by the addition of water. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/AcOEt to give compound **2**. The ee of the product **2** was determined by chiral HPLC on CHIRALCEL OJ-H or CHIRALCEL OD-H column and GC.

(S)-1-tert-Butyl 3-methyl 2-benzyl-2-fluoromalonate (2a)



The reaction of **1a** (40.0 mg, 0.151 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (7.5 mg, 0.016 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (2.4 mg, 0.015 mmol) and NFSI (57.2 mg, 0.186 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) at reflux for 15 h, gave **2a** (38.0 mg, 90%) as a colourless oil.

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¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.41 (s, 9H), 3.42 (d, *J*=25.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 7.16-7.25 (m, 5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –163.4 (t, *J*=26.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.9, 40.2 (d, *J*=20.8 Hz), 53.1, 84.1, 95.1 (d, *J*=200 Hz), 127.2, 128.1, 130.1, 133.0, 164.1 (d, *J*=26.4 Hz), 166.3 (d, *J*=25.5 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 263 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2980, 1753, 1604, 1497, 1455, 1437, 1395, 1371, 1307, 1254, 1157, 1085, 1056, 841, 744, 700 cm⁻¹; HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OJ-H hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R (major) = 13.6 min, t_R (minor) = 11.4 min; [α]_D²⁵ +13.92 (*c*=1.0, MeOH), 98% ee.

(S)-1-*tert*-Butyl 3-methyl 2-ethyl-2-fluoromalonate (2b)

F, Et MeOOC COO^tBu

The reaction of **1b** (50.0 mg, 0.247 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (12.3 mg, 0.027 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (4.0 mg, 0.024 mmol) and NFSI (93.0 mg, 0.296 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) at reflux for 24 h, gave **2b**(51.0 mg, 94%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.99 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.85-1.92 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –167.24 (t, *J*=23.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.14 (d, *J*=4.4 Hz), 27.4, 27.8, 52.9, 83.6, 95.0 (d, *J*=197 Hz), 164.6 (d, *J*=25.2 Hz), 166.6 (d, *J*=25.6 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 220 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2981,1752, 1458, 1371, 1315, 1243, 1139, 1101, 1022, 842, 805 cm⁻¹; GC: (CHIRALDEX G-TA, 100 °C) t_R (major) = 20.6 min, t_R (minor) = 22.7 min; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +15.5 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃), 96% ee.

(S)-1-tert-Butyl 3-methyl-2-fluoro-2-methylmalonate (2c)



The reaction of **1c** (40.0 mg, 0.212 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (10.6 mg, 0.023 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (3.3 mg, 0.021 mmol) and NFSI (80.0 mg, 0.255 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) at reflux for 24 h, gave **2c** (39.0 mg, 90%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.74 (d, *J*=22.0 Hz, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –155.8 (q, *J*=22.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.6 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 27.7, 52.9, 83.6, 92.3 (d, *J*=194 Hz), 165.1 (d, *J*=24.7 Hz), 167.1 (d, *J*=25.2 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 206 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2982, 1753, 1448, 1396, 1372, 1305, 1257, 1124, 982, 944, 841, 794 cm⁻¹; GC: (HYDRODEX- β-TBDAc, 65 °C) t_R (major) = 60.5 min, t_R (minor) = 58.6 min; $[\alpha]_D^{-23} + 11.4$ (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃), 99% ee.

(S)-1-tert-Butyl 3-methyl 2-butyl-2-fluoromalonate (2d)



The reaction of **1d** (40.0 mg, 0.173 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (8.6 mg, 0.019 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (2.7 mg, 0.017 mmol) and NFSI (65.7 mg, 0.208 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) at reflux for 36 h, gave **2d** (40.0 mg, 93%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.91 (t, *J*=6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.33-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 2.01-2.20 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –165.4 (t, *J*=22.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.0, 22.7, 25.0 (d, *J*=2.8 Hz), 28.0, 34.0 (d, *J*=21.6 Hz), 53.1, 83.8, 95.0 (d, *J*=197 Hz), 164.8 (d, *J*=25.1 Hz), 166.9 (d, *J*=25.9 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 248 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2960, 2874, 1753, 1457, 1370, 1287, 1248, 1142, 1047, 842 cm⁻¹; GC: (CP CHIRASIL-DEX CB, 85 °C) t_R (major) = 118.1 min, t_R (minor) = 122.7 min; [α]_D²⁵ +5.7 (*c*=0.5, CHCl₃), 99% ee.

(S)-1- *tert*-Butyl 3-methyl 2-fluoro-2-phenylmalonate (2e)

F, Ph MeOOC COO^tBu 2e

The reaction of **1e** (40.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (8.0 mg, 0.017 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (2.5 mg, 0.015 mmol) and NFSI (56.3 mg, 0.178 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) at reflux for 24 h, gave **2e** (40.0 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.49 (s, 9H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.60 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –159.2 (s); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.9, 53.5, 84.5, 94.2 (d, *J*=200 Hz), 125.5, 128.0, 129.0, 133.7 (d, *J*=21.9 Hz), 163.9 (d, *J*=25.6 Hz), 166.1 (d, *J*=26.0 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 268 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2981, 1754, 1451, 1395, 1371, 1281, 1157, 1120, 1071, 1050, 840, 737 cm⁻¹; HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OJ-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R (major) = 24.0 min, t_R (minor) = 22.9 min; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +5.7 (*c* =1.0, MeOH), 99% ee.

(S)-1-tert-Butyl 3-methyl-2-fluoro-2-(phenoxy)malonate (2f)



The reaction of **1f** (40.0 mg, 0.132 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (6.0 mg, 0.014 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.013 mmol) and NFSI (52.0 mg, 0.159 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) at reflux for 15 h, gave **2f** (36.0 mg, 85%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.37 (s, 9H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 7.15-7.31 (m, 5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –110.8 (s); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.7, 53.6, 85.0, 104.1 (d, *J*=243 Hz), 119.9, 124.9, 129.2, 153.0 (d, *J*=2.4 Hz), 160.6 (d, *J*=34.3 Hz), 162.8 (d, *J*=33.6 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 284 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2981, 1767, 1591, 1491, 1457, 1396, 1372, 1321, 1259, 1210, 1144, 1082, 949, 863, 837, 758, 692, 642 cm⁻¹; HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R (major) = 14.4 min, t_R (minor) = 16.2 min; [α]_D²⁵ +6.44 (*c*=0.5, MeOH), 98% ee.

(S)-1-tert-Butyl 3-methyl-2-fluoro-2-(phenylthio)malonate (2g)

The reaction of **1g** (40.0 mg, 0.126 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (6.3 mg, 0.013 mmol), Zn(OAc)₂ (2.0 mg, 0.012 mmol) and NFSI (47.7 mg, 0.151 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) at reflux for 24 h, gave **2g** (35.0 mg, 81%, 90% ee) as a colourless oil. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.39 (s, 9H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 7.33-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –130.7 (s); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.7, 53.7, 85.2, 101.0 (d, *J*=242 Hz), 127.3, 128.8, 129.9, 135.6, 161.5 (d, *J*=28.0 Hz), 163.7 (d, *J*=29.1 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 300 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2980, 1752, 1439, 1371, 1288, 1154, 1048, 837, 792, 749, 691 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): m/z 300 (M⁺); HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OJ-H hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R (major) = 44.2 min, t_R (minor) = 41.3 min; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +13.39 (*c*=0.5, MeOH), 90% ee.

(S)-1- tert-Butyl 3-methyl 2-fluoro-2-(N-phthalimido)malonate (2h)



The reaction of **1h** (50.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (7.5 mg, 0.016 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (2.4 mg, 0.015 mmol) and NFSI (56.0 mg, 0.18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) at reflux for 18 h, gave **2h** (47.5 mg, 91%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.56 (s, 9H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 7.80-7.91 (m, 4H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –127.4 (s); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.7, 54.2, 85.8, 89.2 (d, *J*=229 Hz), 124.0, 130.9, 134.90, 159.5 (d, *J*=30.7 Hz), 162.2 (d, *J*=31.3 Hz), 164.8 (d, *J*=2.0 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 337 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 2982, 1776, 1742, 1582, 1450, 1400, 1371, 1295, 1188, 1141, 1113, 1082, 948, 794, 754, 724, 682, 625 cm⁻¹; HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OJ-H hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R (major) = 48.1 min, t_R (minor) = 42.5 min; [α]_D²⁵ +4.5 (*c*=0.5, MeOH), 93% ee.

(S)-1- tert-Butyl 3-methyl 2-fluoro-2-(N-(4-bromophthalimido))malonate (2i)



The reaction of **1i** (40.0 mg, 0.096 mmol) with DBFOX-Ph (4.5 mg, 0.010 mmol), $Zn(OAc)_2$ (1.7 mg, 0.009 mmol) and NFSI (36.4 mg, 0.115mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) at reflux for 24 h, gave **2i** (39.0 mg, 93%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.55 (s, 9H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 7.79 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J*=8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J*=1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ – 127.8 (s); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.7, 54.3, 86.1, 89.2 (d, *J*=230 Hz), 125.4, 127.4, 129.4, 130.1, 132.4, 138.0, 159.3, (d, *J*=30.3 Hz), 161.9 (d, *J*=31.1 Hz), 163.5, 164.1; MS (EI): m/z 416 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 2981, 1740, 1604, 1420, 1359, 1296, 1143, 946, 838, 745, 647 cm⁻¹; HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OJ-H hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 1.0

mL/min, 254 nm) t_R (major) = 43.8 min, t_R (minor) = 34.8 min; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +15.38 (*c*=1.0, MeOH), 97% ee.

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-fluoro-2-(hydroxymethyl)propionate (3c)



To a solution of 2c (200 mg, 0.970 mmol) in dry THF (5.0 mL) was added a solution of LiAl(O^tBu)₃H⁵ (1.0 M in THF, 3.8 mL, 3.81 mmol) at -78 °C by syringe over 20 min. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature, which was stirred for 1 h at that temperature. After addition of a saturated solution of potassium sodium tartrate, the organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate three times and the combined organic phase was washed with brine three times and dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated, the crude materials were purified by column chromatography using (hexane/AcOEt = 5/1) to afford alcohol **3c** quantitatively in 85% yield.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.50 (d, *J*=20.2 Hz, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 2.07-2.13 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.94 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -163.4--162.9 (m); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.7 (d, *J*=23.6 Hz), 27.9, 66.8 (d, *J*=23.5 Hz), 82.7, 95.0 (d, *J*=184 Hz), 169.3 (d, *J*=25.6 Hz); MS (EI); m/z 178 (M⁺); IR (neat): 3450, 2981, 2938, 2293, 1735, 1476, 1457, 1395, 1370, 1318, 1251, 1139, 1065, 955, 928, 901, 843, 748, 701 cm⁻¹; GC: (CP CHIRASIL-DEX CB, 90 °C) t_R (major) = 38.89 min, t_R (minor) = 35.90 min; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -12.48 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃), 99% ee.

(S)-2-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-fluoropropyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (12)

To a solution of alcohol **3c** (250 mg 1.302 mmol) in dry CHCl₃ (3.0 mL) and pyridine (0.20 mL, 2.604 mmol) was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and *p*-tosyl chloride⁶ (290 mg, 1.56 mmol) was added directly. After stirring for 10 min at 0 °C, the cooling bath was removed, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. 1N HCl was added, and the product was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂, the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine. The organic solution was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) to give a colourless gummy syrup compound **12** in 81% yield.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.49 (d, *J*=20.8 Hz, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.06-4.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J*=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J*=8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –160.3- –159.7 (m); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.0 (d, *J*=23.5 Hz), 21.7, 27.8, 71.5 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 83.5, 91.9 (d, *J*=187 Hz), 127.6, 129.6, 132.1, 144.8, 167.0 (d, *J*=25.5 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 332 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2982, 1758, 1597, 1455, 1369, 1249, 1190, 178, 1141, 1097, 1005, 939, 910, 826, 760 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –6.50 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃).

⁵ T. A. Ayers, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1999**, *40*, 5467-5470.

⁶ P. Schwerdtfeger, G. A. Heath, M. Dolg, M. A. Bennett, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992, 118, 7517-7528.

(S)-3-(4-Methylbenzenesulfonyl)-2-fluoro-2-methylpropionic acid (13).



To a 30 ml round-bottomed flask charged with *tert*-butyl compound **12** (100 mg, 0.300 mmol) was added CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) and TFA (0.17 mL, 1.504 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, reaction progress was assessed by TLC, since the starting material had been consumed. The mixture was concentrated in vacuum and subsequently co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 10 mL) to afforded carboxylic compound, which was purified on column chromatography on silica gel eluted (hexane/AcOEt = 1/1), in 90% yield as a white solid.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.60 (d, *J*=21.0 Hz, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.19-4.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (bs, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -161.2- -160.8 (m); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.9 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 21.6, 71.4 (d, *J*=22.3 Hz), 92.5 (d, *J*=190 Hz), 127.6, 129.6, 131.7, 145.0, 170.3 (d, *J*=24.7 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 276 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 3340, 3070, 1931, 1776, 1733, 1592, 1491, 1453, 1372, 1304, 1290, 1271, 1188, 1121, 1011, 940, 892, 826 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +6.55 (*c*=1.0, EtOH).

(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-2-fluoro-2-(methylpropanoyl)-1-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (14)



To a 10 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a nitrogen balloon and charged with carboxylic compound **13** (120 mg, 0.508 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added a solution of L-proline *tert*-butyl ester⁷ (83.8 mg, 0.508 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) at room temperature, then EDC·HCl (116 mg, 0.609 mmol) was added and HOBt (83 mg, 0.609 mmol) added at under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, then DIPEA (0.17 mL, 1.016 mmol) was added dropwise, the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. This solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with 1N HCl and water, the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted (hexane/AcOEt = 2/1) in 67% yield as colourless syrup.

¹H NMR (200 MHz CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.57 (d, *J*=21.2 Hz, 3H), 1.87-2.04 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.74-3.76 (m, 2H), 4.18-4.44 (m, 2H), 4.57 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –160.5 (q, *J*=21.1 Hz, major), –158.3 (q, *J*=20.5 Hz, minor); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.3 (d, *J*=23.2 Hz), 21.7, 25.3 (d, *J*=4.8 Hz), 28.0, 47.6 (d, *J*=15.5 Hz), 61.2, 72.3 (d, *J*=21.2 Hz), 81.1, 95.1 (d, *J*=194 Hz), 127.7, 129.6, 132.3, 144.7, 166.6 (d, *J*=22.3 Hz), 170.3; MS (EI): m/z 429 (M⁺); IR (neat): 3648, 2978, 2255, 1736, 1641, 1597, 1455, 1429, 1367, 1290, 1225, 1178, 1153, 1096, 1004, 916, 884, 833, 732, 680 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –39.44 (*c*=1.0, EtOH).

⁷ (a) A. J. Vernall, A. D. Abell, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2004**, *2*, 2555-2557; (b) V. D. Bock, R. Perciaccante, T. P. Jansen, H. Hiemstra, J. H. van Maarseveen, *Org. Lett.* **2006**, *8*, 919-922.

(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(acetylthio)-2-fluoro-2-(methylpropanoyl)-1-pyrrolidine-2carboxylate (15)



Sodium hydride⁸ (13.0 mg, 0.325 mmol) was placed into a 20 mL flask and added dry hexane (1.0 mL), stirred for 10 min, then hexane was removed by syringe under nitrogen condition, then DMF (0.5 mL) was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, thioacetic acid (8.2 mg, 0.108 mmol) was added drop wise with syringe at 0 °C, which was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, then tosyl compound **14** (42 mg, 0.108 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added to the above mixture, raised the temperature up to 70 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture cooled to room temperature, added water and ethyl acetate, extracted organic layer, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted (hexane/AcOEt = 2/1) in 77% yield as light yellow syrup.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.66 (d, *J*=21.4 Hz, 3H), 2.02-2.13 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.39-3.80 (m, 4H), 4.53-4.58 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –154.8 (q, *J*=21.1 Hz, major), –151.6 (q, *J*=21.1 Hz, minor); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.0 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 25.4, 28.0, 30.5, 47.8 (d, *J*=15.1 Hz), 61.2, 81.0, 96.5 (d, *J*=190 Hz), 168.6 (d, *J*=23.5 Hz), 170.5, 193.7; MS (EI): m/z 334 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2978, 2936, 1737, 1698, 1639, 1455, 1425, 1368, 1289, 1222, 1155, 1093, 845, 919, 846, 761, 731, 652 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁵ –84.5 (c = 1.0, EtOH).

(S)-3-(Acetylthio)-2-fluoro-2-(methylpropanoyl)-1-pyrrolidine -2-carboxylic acid (16)



Under the similar procedure described for the synthesis of 13, the reaction of 15 (100.0 mg, 0.299 mmol) with TFA (0.113 ml, 1.495 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 3 h, gave 16 (78.0 mg, 95%) as a brown solid.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.65 (d, *J*=21.4 Hz, 3H), 2.01-2.15 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, *J*=20.6 Hz, 2H), 3.76-3.85 (m, 2H), 4.54-4.59 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -154.3 (q, *J*=19.7 Hz, major), -151.4 (q, *J*=21.8 Hz, minor); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.0 (d, *J*=23.2 Hz), 25.6, 27.8, 30.4, 48.0 (d, *J*=15.7 Hz), 59.6 (d, *J*=14.7 Hz), 60.7, 96.6 (d, *J*=190 Hz), 169.5 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 175.6, 193.8; MS (EI), m/z 277 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 2985, 1698, 1634, 1428, 1374, 1354, 1180, 1132, 958, 916, 731, 650, 624 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁵ -77.3 (*c*=1.0, EtOH).

⁸ M. Chmielewski, R. L. Whistler, J. Org. Chem. 1975, 40, 639-643.

1-[(S)-3-(Acetylthio)-2-fluoro-2-methylpropanoyl]-L-prolyl-L-phenylalanine *tert*butyl ester (17)



A solution of **16** (48.2 mg, 0.174 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL) was added Lphenylalanine *tert*-butyl ester hydrochloride (44.9 mg, 0.174 mmol), HOBt (30.5 mg, 0.226 mmol), TEA (0.061 mL, 0.435 mmol), and EDC·HCl (43.3 mg, 0.226 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred for 5 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, brine, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 95/5$ to give **17** (82%) as brown oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.55 (d, *J*=21.6 Hz, 3H); 1.87-1.98 (m, 4H); 2.35 (s, 3H); 3.06-3.10 (m, 2H); 3.46 (d, *J*=20.4 Hz, 2H); 3.67-3.79 (m, 2H); 4.54-4.70 (m, 2H); 6.82 (d, *J*=7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.12-7.26 (m, 5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –153.7 (q, *J*=19.7 Hz, major), –150.5 (q, *J*=21.1 Hz, minor); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.2 (d, *J*=23.6 Hz), 25.4 (d, *J*=4.6 Hz), 27.0, 27.9, 30.4, 36.0 (d, *J*=24.0 Hz), 37.9, 47.9 (d, *J*=15.6 Hz), 53.7, 61.6, 82.2, 96.8 (d, *J*=191 Hz), 126.8, 128.2, 129.5, 136.3, 169.9 (d, *J*=23.0 Hz), 170.4, 170.5, 194.1; MS (EI): m/z 480 (M⁺), 424 (M⁺–^{*t*}Bu), 381 (M⁺–COO'Bu); IR (neat): 3323, 3062, 2978, 2934, 1730, 1695, 1633, 1519, 1455, 1427, 1369, 1253, 1156, 957, 845, 741, 702 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –59.9 (*c*=0.82, EtOH).

1-[(S)-3-(Acetylthio)-2-fluoro-2-methylpropanoyl]-L-prolyl-L-phenylalanine (6)



To CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) solution of **17** (68.4 mg, 0.142 mmol) was added TFA (0.1 mL) at room temperature, and stirred for 16 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 90/ 10 to give **6** (73%) as yellow oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.50 (d, *J*=21.8 Hz, 3H); 1.91-2.17 (m, 4H), 3.01-3.27 (m, 2H); 3.44 (d, *J*=20.8 Hz, 2H); 3.65-3.74 (m, 2H); 4.52-4.76 (m, 2H); 6.92 (d, *J*=7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.14-7.25 (m,5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –153.6 (q, *J*=21.1 Hz, major), -150.5 (q, *J*=19.7 Hz, minor); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.1 (d, *J*=23.4 Hz), 25.3 (d, *J*=4.7 Hz), 27.1, 30.4, 35.9 (d, *J*=24.3 Hz), 37.2, 48.1 (d, *J*=15.7 Hz), 53.4, 61.8, 96.8 (d, *J*=191 Hz), 126.9, 128.4, 129.4, 136.1, 170.2 (d, *J*=23.4 Hz),

171.2, 174.3, 194.2; MS (EI): m/z 424 (M⁺); IR (neat): 3325, 2981, 2933, 1738, 1636, 1524, 1456, 1422, 1192, 1131, 958, 702 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –22.8 (*c*=0.88, EtOH).

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-fluoro-2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-phenylpropionate (3a)



To a solution of **2a** (50.0 mg, 0.177 mmol) in dry THF (1.0 mL) was added a solution of LiAl(O'Bu)₃H (1.0 M in THF, 0.88 mL, 0.885 mmol) at -78 °C by syringe over 10 min. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature, which was stirred for 1 h at that temperature, gave **3a** (40.0 mg, 89%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.38 (s, 9H), 2.02-2.10 (m, 1H), 3.13 (d, *J*=24.0 Hz, 2H), 3.74-3.99 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.27 (m,5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –169.2-–168.9 (m); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.8, 39.4 (d, *J*=21.3 Hz), 66.2 (d, *J*=24.0 Hz), 83.1, 97.2 (d, *J*=190 Hz), 127.2, 128.3, 130.2 (d, *J*=0.9 Hz), 134.0, 168.6 (d, *J*=25.2 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 254 (M⁺); IR (neat): 3455, 2979, 2932, 1732, 1496, 1456, 1370, 1252, 1161, 1093, 1044, 842, 742, 701 cm⁻¹; HPLC: (CHIRALCEL OJ-H hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm) t_R (major) = 17.42 min, t_R (minor) = 14.29 min; [α]_D²⁵ +9.05 (*c*=0.35, CHCl₃).

(*S*)-2-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-fluoro-3-phenylpropyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (7)



To a solution of alcohol **3a** (390.0 mg 1.624 mmol) in dry pyridine (1.0 mL) and dry CHCl₃ (2.0 mL) was cooled to 0 °C, and *p*-tosyl chloride (371.0 mg, 1.948 mmol) was added directly. After stirring for 10 min at 0 °C, the solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. 1N HCl was added, and the product was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂, the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine. The organic solution was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) to give compound **7** in (590.0 mg, 90%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (200 MHz CDCl₂): δ 1.34 (s. 9H): 2.45 (s. 3H) -3.04 (d. *J*=3.0 Hz 1H):

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.34 (s, 9H); 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.04 (d, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1H); 3.16 (s, 1H); 4.16-4.39 (m, 2H); 7.17-7.35 (m, 5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –167.5- –167.0 (m); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.6, 27.7, 70.9 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 83.8, 94.3 (d, *J*=197 Hz), 127.4, 128.0, 128.4, 130.0, 130.2, 132.5, 132.9, 145.1, 166.4 (d, *J*=25.0 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 408 (M⁺), 352 (M⁺–^tBu); IR (KBr): 3060, 3032, 2979, 2928, 1760, 1596, 1496, 1445, 1371, 1246, 1193, 987, 943, 861, 818, 764, 697, 666 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁴ –1.08 (*c*=0.23, CHCl₃).

(S)-tert-Butyl 3-azido-2-benzyl-2-fluoro propionate (8)



To a solution of 7 (48.2 mg, 0.118 mmol) in DMF (2.0 mL) was added NaN₃ (23.0 mg, 0.354 mmol) and resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/AcOEt = 90/10 to give **8** in 95% as colourless syrup.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.39 (s, 9H); 3.08 (d, *J*=2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 1H); 3.50-3.70 (m, 2H); 7.20-7.30 (m, 5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -164.1--163.6 (m); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.8, 40.6 (d, *J*=21.1 Hz), 55.6 (d, *J*=22.1 Hz), 83.5, 95.8, 96.4 (d, *J*=195 Hz), 127.4, 128.4, 130.2 (d, *J*=0.9 Hz), 133.4, 167.6 (d, *J*=24.9 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 279 (M⁺) ; IR (neat): 2981, 2932, 2107, 1758, 1731, 1496, 1456, 1095, 950, 843, 700 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -40.5 (*c*=0.31, CHCl₃).

tert-Butyl (S)-2-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-fluoro-3-phenylpropylcarbamate (4)



To a solution of **8** (47.7 mg, 0.171 mmol) in ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), $(Boc)_2O$ (56.1 mg, 0.257 mmol), Pd-C (5.0 mg) were added and resulting mixture was stirred under hydrogen atmosphere for 2 h at room temperature. This reaction mixture was filtered through celite to remove Pd-C. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/AcOEt = 80/20 to give 4 (95%) as colourless oil.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.36 (s, 9H); 1.43 (s, 9H); 3.07 (s, 1H); 3.19 (d, *J*=2.2 Hz, 1H); 3.41 (td, *J*=14.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.79 (m, 1H); 4.84 (s, 1H); 7.24-7.25 (m, 5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -165.0--164.5 (m); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.7, 28.3, 40.5 (d, *J*=21.3 Hz), 46.1 (d, *J*=21.7 Hz), 79.7, 83.0, 96.5 (d, *J*=189 Hz), 127.1, 128.2, 130.2, 134.0, 155.4, 167.9 (d, *J*=25.7 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 353 (M⁺), 277 (M⁺–^tBu); IR (neat): 3383, 3033, 2979, 2932, 1722, 1514, 1456, 1393, 1368, 1250, 1166, 1108, 1037, 999, 913, 843, 741, 700 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁴ +23.6 (*c*=0.35, CHCl₃).

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-fluoro-2-(hydroxymethyl)butanoate (3b)



To a solution of **2b** (180.0 mg, 0.818 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added a solution of LiAl(O^{*t*}Bu)₃H (1.0 M in THF, 4.0 mL, 4.09 mmol) at -78 °C by syringe over 10 min. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature, which was stirred for 1 h at that temperature, gave **3b** (126.0 mg, 80%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.98 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H); 1.52 (s, 9H); 1.72-1.97 (m, 2H), 2.02-2.04 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.92 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -173.9- 173.4 (m); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.22 (d, *J*=4.4 Hz), 26.5 (d, *J*=22.3 Hz), 28.0, 66.2 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 82.6, 98.0 (d, *J*=186 Hz), 168.8 (d, *J*=26.0 Hz); MS (EI), m/z 192 (M⁺); IR(neat): 3441, 2978, 2938, 2284, 1732, 1459, 1394, 1370, 1323, 1254, 1139, 1072, 1010, 963, 909, 841, 746 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁵ -5.42 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃).

(S)-2-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-fluorobutyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (9)



To a solution of alcohol **3b** (120.0 mg 0.625 mmol) in dry pyridine (2.0 mL) and dry CHCl₃ (2.0 mL) was cooled to 0 °C, and *p*-tosyl chloride (142.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added directly. After stirring for 10 min at 0 °C, the solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. 1N HCl was added, and the product was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂, the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine. The organic solution was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) to give compound **9** in (185.0 mg, 85%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.93 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.74-1.87 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 4.15-4.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -171.1- -170.6 (m); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.03 (d, *J*=4.4 Hz), 21.7, 26.8 (d, *J*=22.3 Hz), 27.9, 71.1 (d, *J*=22.7 Hz), 83.4, 94.6 (d, *J*=193 Hz), 127.6, 129.6, 132.1, 144.8, 166.3 (d, *J*=26.0 Hz); MS (EI), m/z 346 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 2982, 1758, 1597, 1455, 1369, 1249, 1190, 178, 1141, 1097, 1005, 939, 910, 826, 760 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁴ +0.63 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃).

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-((benzylamino)methyl)-2-fluorobutanoate (10)



Tosyl derivative⁹ **9** (180 mg, 0.520 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (0.5 mL) and sodium bicarbonate (131 mg, 1.56 mmol) was added. To the resulting suspension benzyl amine (0.28 mL, 2.601 mmol) was added, and the mixture was left stirring at 80 °C for 48 h. More toluene (0.4 mL) was added and also benzyl amine (0.28 mL, 2.601 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C another 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, filtered, and evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) in 72% yield as a light yellow syrup.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.94 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.74-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 2.93 (d, *J*=14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, *J*=14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J*=13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J*=13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 5H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -170.54- -170.1 (m); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, *J*=4.4 Hz), 28.1, 53.7, 54.4 (d, *J*=21.2 Hz), 81.9, 98.2 (d, *J*=186 Hz), 126.6, 127.7, 128.0, 139.8, 169.3 (d, *J*=26.3 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 281 (M⁺); IR(neat): 3344, 3063, 3027, 2952, 2929, 1735, 1495, 1461, 1368, 1250, 1168, 1136, 1028, 914, 843, 737, 638 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -12.1$ (*c*=1.0, EtOH).

(S)-2-((Benzylamino)methyl)-2-fluorobutanoic acid (11)



⁹ M. T. Barros, A. M. F. Phillips, *Molecules* 2006, 11, 177-196.

Under the similar procedure described for the synthesis of **13**, the reaction of **10** (100.0 mg, 0.355 mmol) with TFA (0.27 ml, 3.554 mmol) in $CH_2Cl_2(1.0 \text{ mL})$ at room temperature for 3 h, gave **11** (70.2 mg, 87%) as a solid.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.78 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.55-1.85 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.46 (m, 2H), 4.19 (d, *J*=12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J*=12.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.44 (m, 5H), 9.00 (bs, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –167.8 (br); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.85 (d, *J*=3.7 Hz), 27.7, 28.7 (d, *J*=21.7 Hz), 51.7 (d, *J*=21.7 Hz), 52.4, 85.0, 94.7 (d, *J*=193 Hz),128.7, 129.4, 129.9, 130.8, 172.4 (d, *J*=21.7 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 225 (M⁺); IR(neat): 3362, 2974, 1723, 1606, 1499, 1455, 1212, 1133, 1090, 912, 733, 700 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –1.72 (*c*=1.0, MeOH).

(S)-1-Benzyl-3-ethyl-3-fluoroazetidin-2-one (5)



To a 20 mL round-bottomed flask charged with carboxylic compound¹⁰ **11** (50.0 mg, 0.222 mmol) was added CH₂Cl₂ (10.0 mL) and 2-chloro-1-methylpyridinium iodide (62.4 mg, 0.244 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ under high-dilution conditions and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then added TEA (0.09 mL, 0.666 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction progress was assessed by TLC, the mixture was concentrated in vacuum and which was purified on column chromatography on silica gel eluted (hexane/AcOEt = 15/1), in 70% yield as colourless syrup.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.05 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.87-2.04 (m, 2H), 3.28 (dddd, *J*=37.5, 6.3, 8.4, 11.1 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (d, *J*=17.7 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J*=11.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -165.0- -164.7 (m); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J*=6.4 Hz), 25.0 (d, *J*=23.6 Hz), 45.6 (d, *J*=1.9 Hz), 51.5 (d, *J*=26.4 Hz), 102.7 (d, *J*=216 Hz), 128.0, 128.2, 128.9, 134.6, 165.8 (d, *J*=24.4 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 207 (M⁺); IR (neat): 2975, 1766, 1455, 1406, 1309, 1196, 1076, 970, 910, 852, 725, 700 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -70.1 (*c*=1.0, MeOH).

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-fluoro-2-bezylamide-3-phenylpropanate (18)



To a solution of benzyl ester **2a** (100 mg, 0.354 mmol) and benzylamine (36.0 mg, 0.337 mmol) in 1.0 mL (1.00 M in ester substrate) of toluene was added HOAt (24.0 mg, 0.177 mmol) followed by $Zr(O^{t}Bu)_{4}$ (67.0 mg, 0.177 mmol). The reaction was stirred at the 60 °C for 24 h and quenched by addition of MeOH (2 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The reaction mixture was filtered through a silica gel pad and concentrated in *vacuo*. Amide products were isolated by column chromatography using silica gel, eluted in hexane/AcOEt = 85/15 in 55% yield of compound **18** as a white solid.

¹⁰ (a) H. Huang, N. Iwasawa, T. Mukaiyama, *Chem. Lett.* **1984**, *13*, 1465-1466; (b) N. Iwasawa, H. Huang, T. Mukaiyama, *Chem. Lett.* **1985**, *14*, 1045-1048.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 3.48 (dd, *J*=10.0, 20.4 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (d, *J*=5.8 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.96-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 8H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –163.17 (ddd, *J*=22.2, 11.0, 3.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.9, 39.8 (d, *J*=19.9 Hz), 43.3, 84.0, 96.8 (d, *J*=200 Hz), 127.0, 127.2, 127.3, 128.1, 128.4, 130.3, 133.4, 164.7 (d, *J*=24.7 Hz), 165.4 (d, *J*=21.5 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 357 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 3374, 2979, 1743, 1677, 1533, 1455, 1370, 1258, 1158, 1085, 841, 737, 699 cm⁻¹.

(S)-2-Fluoro-2-bezylamide-3-phenylpropanoic acid (19)



The reaction of **18** (28.0 mg, 0.072 mmol) with TFA (0.054 ml, 0.727 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂(1.0 mL) at room temperature for 3 h, reaction progress was assessed by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuum and subsequently co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 10 mL) to afforded carboxylic compound, which was purified on column chromatography on silica gel eluted (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 9/1), in 74% yield **19** as a white solid; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 3.13-3.57 (m, 2H), 4.11 (d, *J*=16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J*=15.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 7.08-7.21 (m, 8H), 8.53 (bs, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –163.17 (ddd, *J*=22.2, 11.0, 3.9 Hz); MS (EI): m/z 301 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 3280, 3029, 2965, 1758, 1671, 1530, 1495, 1454, 1383, 1358, 1299 cm⁻¹; $\lceil \alpha \rceil_D^{25} + 20.11$ (*c*=0.5, CH₂Cl₂) [lit.¹¹ $\lceil \alpha \rceil_D - 24$ (*c*=0.5, CH₂Cl₂)].

(S)-2-Fluoro-2-(bezyloxy-L-valylcarbonyl)-3-phenylpropanoic acid benzylamide (20)



A solution of acid **19** (16.0 mg, 0.053mmol), L-valine benzyl ester *p*-toluenesulfonate (15.3 mg, 0.053 mmol), HOBt (7.3 mg, 0.053 mmol) and *N*-methylmorpholine (0.05 mg, 0.053 mmol) in dry THF (2 mL) was stirred and cooled in an ice-water bath while DCC (10.9 mg, 0.053 mmol) was added. Stirring was continued for 2 h at 0 °C and additional 20 h at room temperature. The N,N'-dicyclohexylurea formed during the reaction was removed by filtration and the filtrate was poured in to a mixture of AcOEt (10 mL) and an aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (5 mL). The organic phase was extracted with 10% solution citric acid in water (5 mL), then washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and water. The solution was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The resulting residue was chromatographed (hexane/AcOEt) to afford 20.5 mg of compound **20** (77% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.87 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.13-2.29 (m, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J*=4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J*=15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, *J*=14.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J*=14.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J*=8.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 6.82 (bs, 1H), 6.93-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.36 (m, 12H), 7.55 (d, *J*=8.6 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F

¹¹ A. abouabdellah, J. T. Welch, *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1994**, *5*, 1005-1013.

NMR (188 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –168.20 (dd, *J*=30.9, 21.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.6, 19.2, 31.4, 43.4 (d, *J*=21.2 Hz), 43.5, 57.3, 67.1, 96.2 (d, *J*=199 Hz), 127.3, 127.4, 128.11, 128.17, 128.24, 128.36, 128.42, 130.1, 132.6, 135.0, 136.6, 166.4 (d, *J*=23.1 Hz), 166.5 (d, *J*=22.3 Hz), 170.2; MS (EI): m/z 357 (M⁺); IR (KBr): 3341, 3032, 2965, 1740, 1687, 1539, 1455, 1216, 1148, 1086, 1050, 746, 698 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]_{D}^{2^{2}}$ –4.82 (*c*=1.5, CH₂Cl₂) [lit.¹¹ [α]_D +7.3 (*c*=1.5, CH₂Cl₂)].









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