

Supporting Information

for

Fluorine Interactions at the Thrombin Active Site: Protein Backbone Fragments $\text{H-C}_{\alpha}\text{-C=O}$ Comprise a Favorable C-F Environment and Interactions of C-F with Electrophiles

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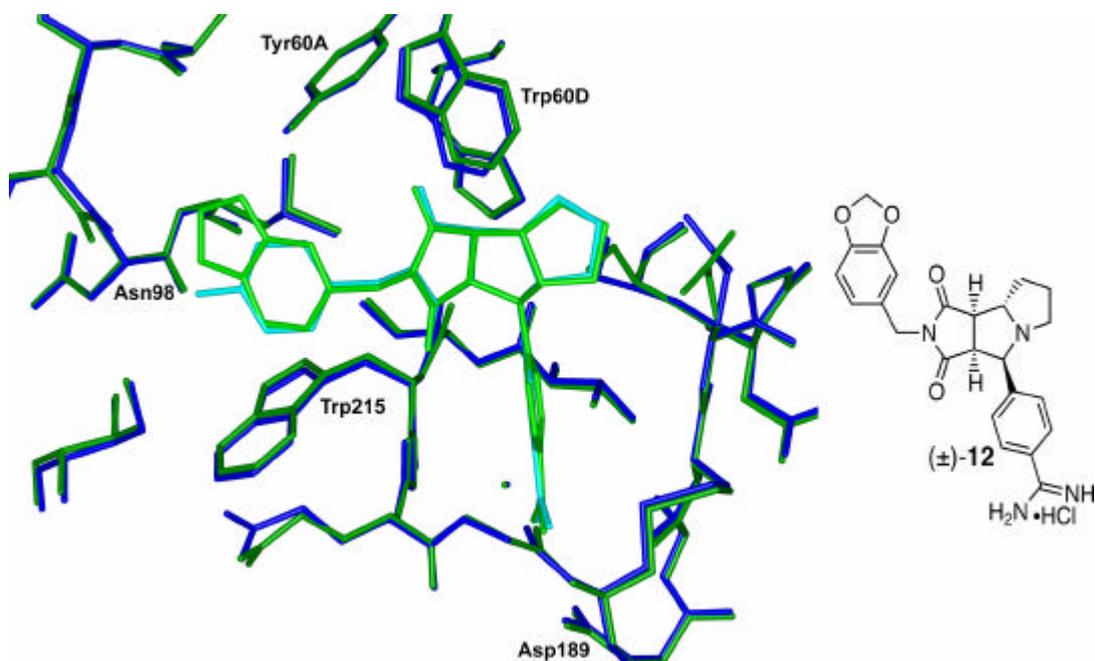


Figure 9 (SI). Least-square superimposition of the crystal structures of inhibitors (+)-**4d** and (+)-**12**^[1] bound to thrombin.

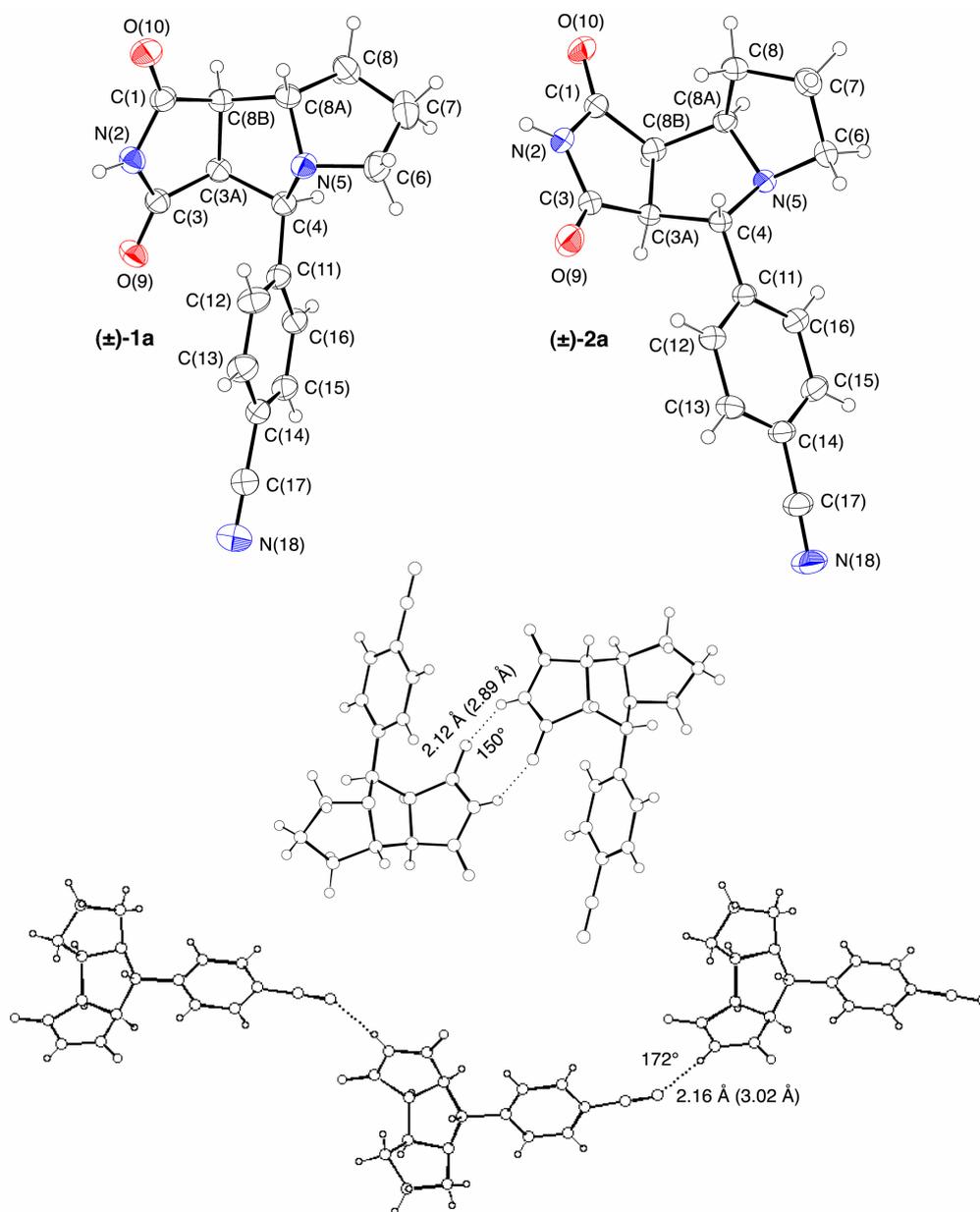
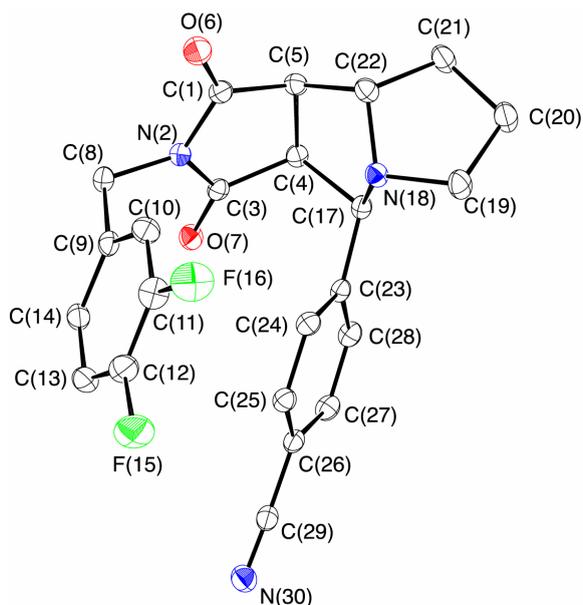


Figure 10 (SI). ORTEP representation of the X-ray crystal structures of (+)-**1a**^[3] and (+)-**2a**.^[4] The H-bonding pattern observed in the crystal packing of (+)-**1a** (up) and in the crystal packing of (+)-**2a** (down).



F	Y	$d_{F\dots Y}$	$d_{F\dots H-Y}^{[2]}$
F15	F16	3.31	-
F15	C19	3.40	2.58 (H19B)
F15	O6	3.60	-
F15	N18	3.64	-
F15	C22	3.69	3.27 (H22A)
F15	C5	3.72	3.22 (H5A)
F15	C21	3.83	3.20 (H21B)
F15	C28	3.83	3.62 (H28A)

F	Y	$d_{F\dots Y}$	$d_{F\dots H-Y}^{[2]}$
F16	F16	2.98	-
F16	C25	3.23	2.72 (H25A)
F16	C11	3.25	-
F16	C24	3.26	2.77 (H24A)
F16	F15	3.31	-
F16	C12	3.42	-
F16	C20	3.77	2.91 (H20B)
F16	C21	3.95	3.01 (H21B)

Figure 11 (SI). Analysis of the X-ray crystal structure of (\pm) -**3g**.^[5] ORTEP representation. Tables of all intermolecular F-contacts to other atoms (Y) < 4.0 Å observed in the crystal packing of (\pm) -**3g**.

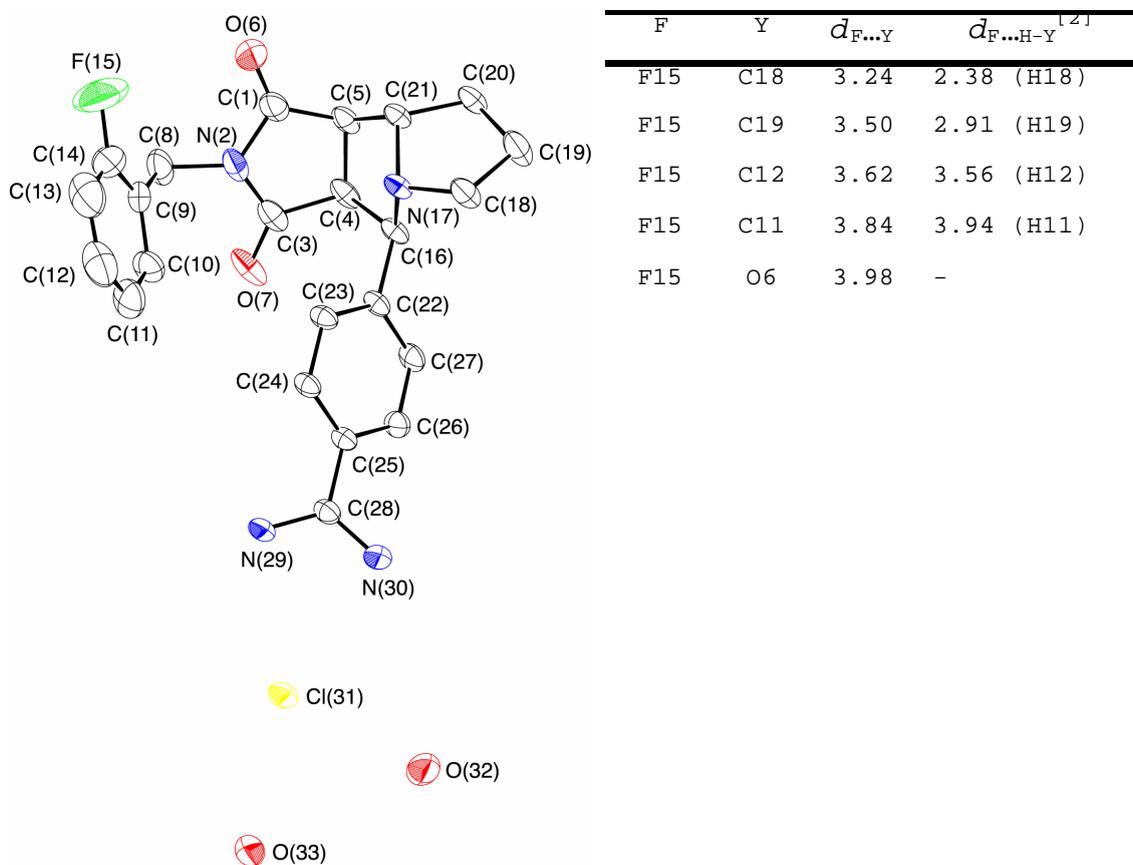


Figure 9 (SI). Analysis of the crystal structure of compound (±)-**4b**.^[6] ORTEP representation and table of all intermolecular F-contacts to other atoms (Y) < 4.0 Å observed in the crystal packing of (±)-**4b**.

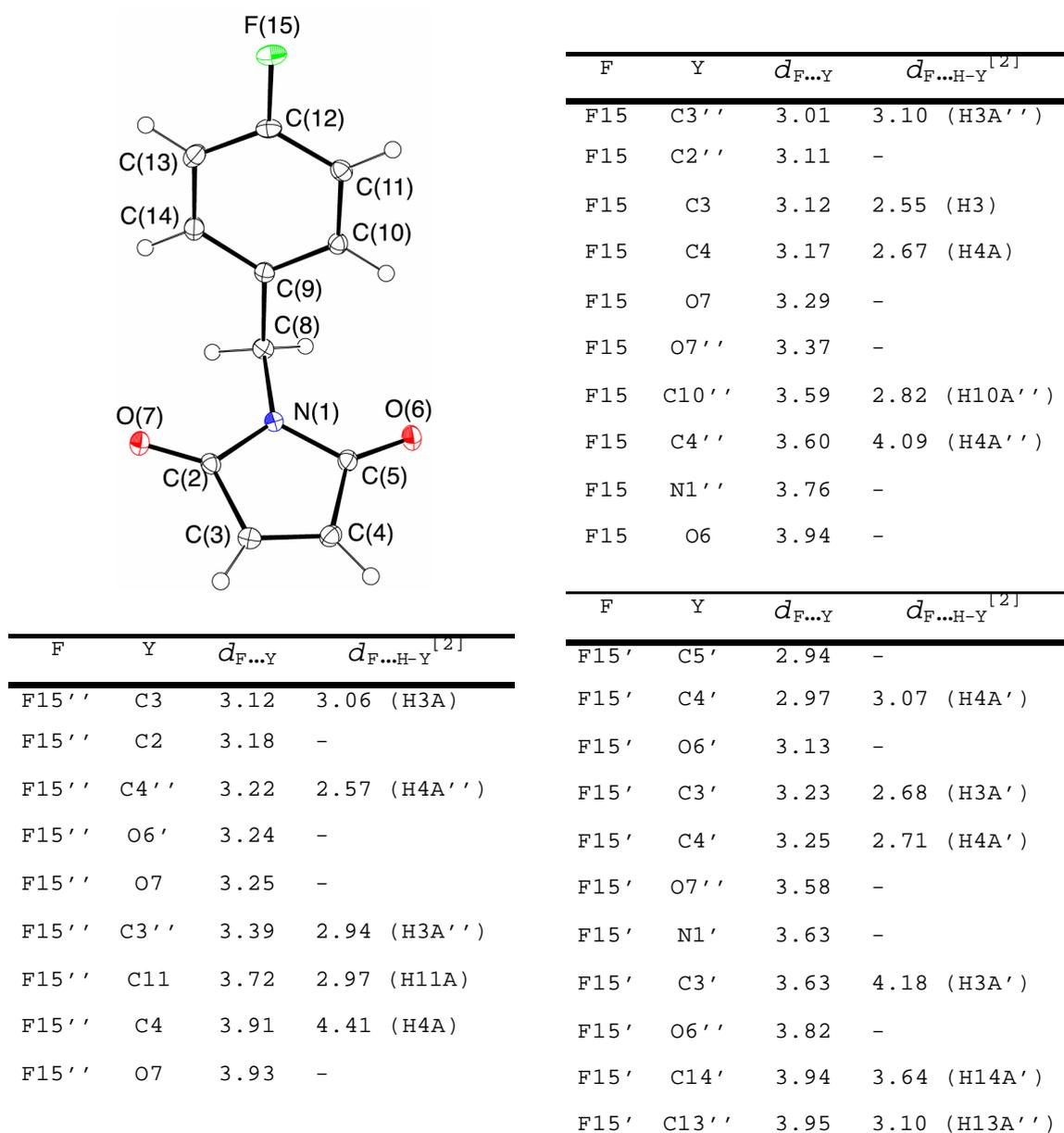


Figure 10 (SI). Analysis of the crystal structure of *N*-(4-fluorobenzyl)maleimide **6**.^[7] ORTEP representation and tables of all intermolecular F-contacts to other atoms (Y) < 4.0 Å observed in the crystal packing.

Experimental Part (SI)

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)perhydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizine-1,3-dione ((±)-1b) and **(3aSR,4SR,8aRS,8bRS)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)perhydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizine-1,3-dione ((±)-2b)**. A solution of maleimide (291 mg, 3.0 mmol) maleimide, 4-bromobenzaldehyde (583 mg, 3.15 mmol) 4, and L-proline (363 mg, 3.15 mmol) in MeCN (9 mL) was heated to reflux for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and (±)-**1b** and (±)-**2b** separated by CC (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 65:35). (±)-**1b**: Yield: 182 mg (19 %, colorless needles). M.p. 173-175 °C. IR (KBr): 1763, 1699, 1482, 1345, 1192, 1081. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): *d*? = 1.62-1.84 (*m*, 2H), 1.96-2.20 (*m*, 2H), 2.63-2.74 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.82-2.94 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.33 (*d*, *J* = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.52 (*t*, *J* = 8.3, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.79 (*dd*, *J* = 9.9 and 7.5, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.03 (*d*, *J* = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 7.26, 7.46 (AA'BB', *J* = 8.3, 4H, Ar), 7.68 (br s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): *d*? = 23.1, 29.0, 49.9, 50.3, 51.4, 67.1, 67.3, 119.9, 130.1, 138.5, 176.9, 179.8. HRMS: calcd for C₁₅H₁₆BrN₂O₂ [MH]⁺, 335.0395; found 335.0395 and 337.0369. (±)-**2b**: Yield: 335 mg (33 %, colorless needles). M.p. 177-178 °C. IR (KBr): 1780, 1698, 1489, 1357, 1344, 1183, 1073. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): *d*? = 1.70-1.91 (*m*, 2H), 1.96-2.12 (*m*, 2H), 2.64-2.74 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.95-3.05 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.34 (*dd*, *J* = 9.0 and 6.6, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.65 (*t*, *J* = 9.0, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.87 (*dd*, *J* = 8.7 and 6.6, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.07 (*d*, *J* = 6.6, 1H, H-C(4)), 7.37, 7.49 (AA'BB', *J* = 8.4, 4H, Ar), 7.83 (br s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): *d*? = 24.2, 26.5, 48.5, 50.9, 56.3, 67.9, 120.1, 129.4, 131.1, 142.0, 178.3, 179.2. HRMS: calcd for C₁₅H₁₆BrN₂O₂ [MH]⁺, 335.0395; found 335.0393 and 337.0367.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(2-Fluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile ((±)-3b). Compound (±)-**3b** was synthesized according to the

procedure described for compound (\pm)-**3d**. Yield: 113 mg (58%, colorless prism). M.p. 200-202 °C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2224, 1778, 1705, 1491, 1457, 1420, 1400, 1344, 1184, 1175. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.60-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.96-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.56-2.68 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.84-2.97 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.35 (d, J = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.56 (t, J = 8.4, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.81 (dd, J = 9.8 and 7.4, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.13 (d, J = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.58 and 4.65 (AB, J = 15.0, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 6.99-7.12 (m, 2H, Ar(F)), 7.17-7.31 (m, 2H, Ar(F)), 7.34, 7.48 (AA'BB', J = 8.5, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 23.4, 29.7, 36.1, 48.9, 50.5, 50.8, 68.0, 68.3, 111.2, 115.3 (d, J = 21.4), 118.7, 122.1 (d, J = 14.6), 123.8 (d, J = 3.7), 128.5, 129.5 (d, J = 7.9), 130.1 (d, J = 3.6), 131.7, 143.4, 160.4 (d, J = 247.9), 174.5, 177.2. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3 + CFCl_3): δ -116.4 (m). HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$ [MH] $^+$, 390.1618; found 390.1609.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(3-Fluorobenzyl)-1,3-

dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile

((\pm)-3c). Compound ((\pm)-**3c** was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (\pm)-**3d**. Yield: 161 mg (83%, colorless crystals). M.p. 181-182°C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2223, 1779, 1704, 1617, 1593, 1488, 1451, 1423, 1398, 1359, 1342, 1273, 1232, 1183, 1143. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.60-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.96-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.66 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.82-2.95 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.33 (d, J = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.55 (t, J = 8.3, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.78 (dd, J = 10.1 and 7.1, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.12 (d, J = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.47 and 4.53 (AB, J = 14.4, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 6.92-7.08 (m, 3H, Ar(F)), 7.20-7.31 (m, 1H, Ar(F)), 7.33, 7.52 (AA'BB', J = 8.3, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 23.4, 29.7, 41.9, 49.0, 50.5, 50.8, 68.0, 68.3, 111.4, 114.8 (d, J = 20.7), 115.5 (d, J = 22.0), 118.7, 124.3, 128.6, 129.9 (d, J = 7.9), 131.8, 137.6 (d, J = 7.3), 143.4, 162.5 (d, J = 246.0), 174.6, 177.3. ^{19}F NMR (282

MHz, CDCl₃ + CFCl₃): δ = -112.2 (*td*, *J* = 9.2 and 5.6).
 HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁FN₃O₂ [MH]⁺, 390.1618; found 390.1609.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(2,3-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile

((±)-3e). Compound (±)-**3e** was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-**3d**. Yield: 165 mg (81%, colorless crystals). M.p. 160-161 °C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2224, 1776, 1710, 1494, 1433, 1400, 1349, 1339, 1278, 1175, 1162. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.60-1.89 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 1.96-2.24 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.58-2.68 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.86-2.97 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.32 (*dd*, *J* = 8.1 and 0.9, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.58 (*t*, *J* = 8.4, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.81 (*dd*, *J* = 9.6 and 7.2, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.15 (*d*, *J* = 8.4, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.59 (*dd*, *J* = 14.7 and 0.9, 1H, CHH'-N(5)), 4.65 (*dd*, *J* = 14.7 and 0.9, 1H, CHH'-N(5)), 6.93-7.16 (*m*, 3H, Ar(F)), 7.37, 7.52 (*AA'BB'*, *J* = 8.1, 4H, Ar). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 23.4, 29.7, 35.9, 48.9, 50.5, 50.8, 68.0, 68.3, 111.4, 116.7 (*d*, *J* = 17.1), 118.7, 123.8 (*dd*, *J* = 6.7 and 4.9), 124.5 (*d*, *J* = 11.6), 124.7 (*t*, *J* = 2.6), 128.5, 131.8, 148.5 (*dd*, *J* = 249.6 and 13.1), 150.2 (*dd*, *J* = 248.4 and 12.5), 174.3, 177.0. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃ + CFCl₃): δ = -137.4 (*ddd*, *J* = 20.3, 10.7 and 4.2, 1F), -141.1 (*dt*, *J* = 21.5 and 6.5, 1F). HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₂N₃O₂ [MH]⁺, 408.1524; found 408.1519. Anal. calcd for C₂₃H₁₉F₂N₃O₂: C 67.81, H 4.70, F 9.33, N 10.31; found: C 67.81, H 4.89, F 9.29, N 10.19.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(2,6-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile

((±)-3f). Compound (±)-**3f** was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-**3d**. Yield: 176 mg (86%, colorless crystals). M.p. 211-212 °C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2225, 1776, 1710, 1624, 1473, 1451, 1433, 1398, 1352, 1293, 1270, 1238, 1176. ¹H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.59–1.87 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7)), H-C(8)), 1.95–2.22 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7)), H-C(8)), 2.55–2.65 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.83–2.95 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.32 (*d*, *J* = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.53 (*t*, *J* = 8.3, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.79 (*dd*, *J* = 10.1 and 7.4, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.11 (*d*, *J* = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.59, 4.68 (*AB*, *J* = 14.6, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 6.80–6.92 (*m*, 2H, Ar(F)), 7.20–7.31 (*m*, 1 H, Ar(F)), 7.34, 7.47 (*AA'BB'*, *J* = 8.6, 4H, Ar). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 23.5, 29.8, 30.1, 49.0, 50.4, 50.9, 68.0, 68.4, 110.8 (*t*, *J* = 20.0), 111.2, 111.2 (*d*, *J* = 18.9), 118.8, 128.5, 129.6 (*t*, *J* = 10.4), 131.7, 143.6, 161.3 (*dd*, *J* = 250.9 and 7.3), 173.9, 176.7. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃ + CFCl₃): δ = -112.9 (*t*, *J* = 6.5). HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₂N₃O₂ [MH]⁺, 408.1524; found 408.1515.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(3,4-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile

((±)-3g). Compound (±)-**3g** was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-**3d**. Yield: 159 mg (78%, colorless crystals). M.p. 150–151 °C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2223, 1773, 1712, 1608, 1518, 1440, 1429, 1397, 1348, 1336, 1286, 1212, 1170, 1120. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.60–1.89 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7)), H-C(8)), 1.96–2.22 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.56–2.66 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.83–2.95 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.32 (*d*, *J* = 8.1 and 0.6, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.55 (*t*, *J* = 8.4, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.77 (*dd*, *J* = 10.5 and 7.2, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.13 (*d*, *J* = 8.4, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.46 (*s*, 2H, CH₂-N(5)), 6.98–7.14 (*m*, 3H, Ar(F)), 7.34, 7.56 (*AA'BB'*, *J* = 8.4, 4H, Ar). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 23.4, 29.6, 41.4, 48.8, 50.5, 50.7, 67.9, 68.2, 111.5, 117.2 (*d*, *J* = 17.7), 117.8 (*d*, *J* = 17.7), 118.7, 125.0 (*dd*, *J* = 6.0 and 3.7), 128.6, 131.8, 132.2 (*dd*, *J* = 5.5 and 4.2), 143.4, 149.8 (*d*, *J* = 248.4), 150.0 (*d*, *J* = 247.1), 177.2, 174.5. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃ + CFCl₃): δ = -136.5 (*ddd*, *J* = 21.5, 11.9, and 7.6, 1F), -137.8 (*m*, 1F). HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₂N₃O₂ [MH]⁺, 408.1524;

found 408.1522. Anal. calcd for $C_{23}H_{19}F_2N_3O_2$: C 67.81, H 4.70, F 9.33, N 10.31; found: C 67.76, H 4.92, F 9.28, N 10.23. X-ray.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(3,5-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile

((±)-3h). Compound **3h** was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound **3d**. Yield: 154 mg (76%, colorless prism). M.p. 168-170 °C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2223, 1774, 1711, 1622, 1608, 1595, 1465, 1437, 1397, 1335, 1319, 1166, 1119. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.60-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.96-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.68 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.86-2.97 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.35 (d, J = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.58 (t, J = 8.4, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.79 (dd, J = 9.6 and 7.2, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.15 (d, J = 8.9, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.49 (s, 2H, CH_2 -N(5)), 6.70-6.81 (m, 3H, Ar(F)), 7.37, 7.57 (AA'BB', J = 8.3, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 23.4, 29.7, 41.6, 48.9, 50.5, 50.8, 68.0, 68.3, 103.4 (t, J = 25.3), 111.3 (dd, J = 18.0 and 7.9), 111.5, 118.7, 128.6, 131.9, 138.7 (t, J = 9.2), 143.2, 162.8 (dd, J = 248.7 and 12.5), 174.5, 177.2. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $CDCl_3$ + $CFCl_3$): δ -108.8 (t, J = 7.9). HRMS: calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}F_2N_3O_2$ [MH]⁺, 408.1524; found 408.1510.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(2,3,4,5,6-Pentafluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydro-pyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile

((±)-3i). Compound **(±)-3i** was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound **(±)-3d**. Yield: 179 mg (78%, colorless needles). M.p. 160-161 °C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2231, 1779, 1713, 1520, 1508, 1398, 1344, 1329, 1176. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.60-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.96-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.68 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.85-2.97 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.33 (d, J = 7.8, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.57 (t, J = 8.4, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.76 (dd, J = 9.8 and 7.4, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.17 (d, J = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.60, 4.65 (AB, J = 15.8, 2H, CHH' -N(5)), (7.42, 7.59 (AA'BB', J = 8.3, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 23.4, 29.7, 30.6, 48.7, 50.5, 50.8, 67.8, 68.2, 108.3 (*td*, *J* = 16.7 and 3.9), 111.4, 118.7, 128.5, 131.7, 137.1 (*dm*, *J* = 252.7), 140.9 (*dm*, *J* = 255.2), 143.3, 146.2 (*dm*, *J* = 250.3), 173.6, 176.5. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃ + CFCl₃): δ = -140.6 (*dd*, *J* = 22.5 and 8.6, 2F), -153.1 (*t*, *J* = 20.9, 1F), -161.1 (*m*, 2F). HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₁₇F₅N₃O₂ [MH]⁺, 462.1241; found 462.1230. Anal. calc. for C₂₃H₁₆F₅N₃O₂: C 59.87, H 3.50, F 20.59, N 9.11; found: C 59.82, H 3.70, F 20.72, N 9.06. X-ray.^[8]

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzotrile ((±)-3j). Compound (±)-3j was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-3d. Yield: 174 mg (86%, colorless crystals). M.p. 184-185 °C (EtOAc/hexane). IR (KBr): 2223, 1772, 1706, 1607, 1493, 1432, 1395, 1334, 1299, 1230, 1168. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.60-1.88 (*m*, 2H), 1.96-2.21 (*m*, 2H), 2.54-2.65 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.81-2.93 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.31 (*dd*, *J* = 7.8 and 0.6, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.52 (*t*, *J* = 8.4, 1H, H-C(3a)), 3.77 (*dd*, *J* = 10.2 and 7.5, 1H, H-C(8a)), 4.10 (*d*, *J* = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.44, 4.51 (*AB*, *J* = 14.1, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 7.21, 7.28 (*AA'BB'*, *J* = 8.4, 4H, Ar(Cl)), 7.30, 7.51 (*AA'BB'*, *J* = 8.4, 4H, Ar). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 23.4, 29.6, 41.8, 48.9, 50.5, 50.8, 68.0, 68.3, 111.4, 118.7, 128.6, 130.2, 131.8, 133.8, 133.9, 143.4, 174.5, 177.3. HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁ClN₃O₂ [MH]⁺, 406.1324; found 406.1316. Anal. calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClN₃O₂: C 68.06, H 4.97, Cl 8.73, N 10.35; found: C 68.06, H 5.02, Cl 8.80, N 10.26.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(2-Fluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamidine Hydrochloride ((±)-4b). Compound (±)-4b was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-4d. Yield: 75 mg (56%, colorless solid). M.p. > 210 °C (dec.). IR (KBr): 3468, 3267, 2958, 1776, 1710, 1669,

1490, 1430, 1399, 1351, 1339, 1174. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 1.72-1.92 (*m*, 2H), 2.02-2.20 (*m*, 2H), 2.59-2.69 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.84-2.96 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.48 (*d*, J = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.70-3.80 (*m*, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8a)), 4.32 (*d*, J = 8.4, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.55 and 4.61 (*AB*, J = 15.5, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 7.02-7.10 (*m*, 1H, ArF), 7.13 (*td*, J = 7.4 and 0.9, 1H, ArF), 7.13 (*td*, J = 7.6 and 1.8, 1H, ArF), 7.26-7.36 (*m*, 1H, ArF), 7.51, 7.63 (*AA'BB'*, J = 8.6, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 24.3, 30.5, 36.8, 50.2, 51.8, 52.1, 69.3, 69.6, 116.2 (*d*, J = 21.4), 123.8 (*d*, J = 14.7), 125.2, 128.2, 128.4, 130.2, 130.6, 146.7, 161.6 (*d*, J = 246.0), 167.9, 176.8, 179.7. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CD_3OD + CFCl_3): δ = -117.0 (*m*). HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2$ [MH] $^+$, 407.1883; found 407.1872. X-ray.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(3-Fluorobenzyl)-1,3-

dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamide

Hydrochloride ((\pm)-4c). Compound (\pm)-4c was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (\pm)-4d. Yield: 101 mg (76%, light yellow solid). M.p. > 160°C (dec.). IR (KBr): 3333, 3062, 1775, 1699, 1676, 1615, 1591, 1489, 1399, 1340, 1176. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 1.72-1.90 (*m*, 2H), 2.01-2.18 (*m*, 2H), 2.58-2.68 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.82-2.93 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.48 (*d*, J = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.69-3.80 (*m*, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8a)), 4.31 (*d*, J = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.48 and 4.54 (*AB*, J = 14.7, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 6.92-7.09 (*m*, 3H, Ar-F), 7.33 (*td*, J = 8.3 and 5.7, 1H, Ar-F), 7.48, 7.64 (*AA'BB'*, J = 8.3, 4 H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 24.4, 30.5, 42.5, 50.3, 51.8, 52.0, 69.3, 69.5, 115.4 (*d*, J = 21.3), 115.8 (*d*, J = 22.0), 124.9, 128.2, 128.4, 130.2, 131.2 (*d*, J = 7.9), 139.7 (*d*, J = 6.7), 146.7, 163.9 (*d*, J = 244.2), 168.0, 177.0, 179.8. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CD_3OD + CFCl_3): δ = -112.6 (*td*, J = 9.0 and 5.6). HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2$ [MH] $^+$, 407.1883; found 407.1875.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(2,3-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamidinium

Hydrochloride ((±)-4e). Compound (±)-4e was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-4d. Yield: 68 mg (59%, colorless solid). M.p. > 180 °C (dec.). IR (KBr): 3105, 1776, 1703, 1615, 1492, 1437, 1431, 1403, 1344, 1175. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 1.73-1.92 (m, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.02-2.20 (m, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.60-2.70 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.85-2.97 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.50 (d, J = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.70-3.82 (m, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8b)), 4.33 (d, J = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.61 (s, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 7.01-7.27 (m, 3H, Ar(F)), 7.52, 7.65 (AA'BB', J = 8.4, 4H, Ar). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 24.2, 30.5, 36.3, 50.2, 51.9, 52.1, 69.3, 69.6, 117.7 (d, J = 17.1), 125.5 (dd, J = 6.7 and 4.9), 125.9; 126.6 (d, J = 11.6), 128.5, 128.6, 130.3, 146.9, 149.8 (dd, J = 248.4 and 13.4), 151.7 (dd, J = 246.6 and 12.8), 168.2, 177.0, 179.8. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃OD + CFCl₃): δ = -138.3 (m, 1F), -142.1 (ddd, J = 20.3, 6.5 and 6.2 1F). HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₂₃F₂N₄O₂ [MH]⁺, 425.1789; found 425.1794.

(3aSR,4RS,8aSR,8bRS)-4-(2-(2,6-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-a]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamidinium

Hydrochloride ((±)-4f). Compound (±)-4f was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-4d. Yield: 103 mg (75%, colorless solid). M.p. > 162 °C (dec.). IR (KBr): 3369, 3051, 1773, 1700, 1626, 1509, 1481, 1437, 1401, 1347, 1119, 1176. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 1.70-1.88 (m, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.00-2.22 (m, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.56-2.66 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.81-2.93 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.44 (d, J = 8.4, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.70 (t, J = 8.3, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8b)), 4.28 (d, J = 8.4, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.58 and 4.65 (AB, J = 14.9, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 6.89-7.00 (m, 2H, Ar(F)), 7.36 (tt, J = 8.4 and 6.6, 1H, Ar(F)), 7.49, 7.62 (AA'BB', J = 8.3, 4H, Ar). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 24.3, 30.6, 31.7 (t, J = 4.2), 50.3, 51.9,

52.0, 69.5, 69.6, 112.3 (*dd*, $J = 20.2$ and 5.5), 112.5 (*t*, $J = 18.4$), 128.4, 128.5, 131.3 (*t*, $J = 10.4$), 147.0, 163.0 (*dd*, $J = 249.8$ and 7.6), 168.4, 176.7, 179.3. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD} + \text{CFCl}_3$): $\delta = -113.3$ (m). HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{MH}]^+$, 425.1789; found 425.1781.

(3a*SR*,4*RS*,8a*SR*,8b*RS*)-4-(2-(3,4-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-*a*]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamide Hydrochloride ((±)-4g). Compound (±)-4g was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-4d. Yield: 103 mg (75%, colorless solid). M.p. > 180 °C (dec.). IR (KBr): 3354, 3126, 1774, 1699, 1613, 1519, 1486, 1439, 1401, 1342, 1285, 1210, 1176, 1118. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): $\delta = 1.74$ -1.92 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.00-2.20 (*m*, 2H, H-C(7), H-C(8)), 2.58-2.69 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.83-2.94 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.48 (*d*, $J = 8.1$, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.69 (*m*, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8b)), 4.32 (*d*, $J = 8.7$, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.45 and 4.51 (*AB*, $J = 14.7$, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 7.04-7.28 (*m*, 3H, Ar(F)), 7.48, 7.67 (*AA'BB'*, $J = 8.4$, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD): $\delta = 24.2$, 30.5, 42.1, 50.3, 51.9, 52.0, 69.3, 69.5, 118.3 (*d*, $J = 18.3$), 125.9 (*dd*, $J = 6.7$ and 3.6), 128.3, 128.4, 130.2, 134.6 (*dd*, $J = 5.5$ and 4.3), 146.7, 150.9 (*dd*, $J = 246.0$ and 14.0), 151.1 (*dd*, $J = 246.6$ and 12.8), 168.0, 176.9, 179.7. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD} + \text{CFCl}_3$): $\delta = -137.5$ (*ddd*, $J = 22.6$, 9.6 and 7.6, 1F), -137.8 (*m*, 1F). HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{MH}]^+$, 425.1789; found 425.1559.

(3a*SR*,4*RS*,8a*SR*,8b*RS*)-4-(2-(3,5-Difluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydropyrrolo[3,4-*a*]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamide Hydrochloride ((±)-4h). Compound (±)-4h was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-4d. Yield: 56 mg (40%, colorless solid). M.p. > 150 °C. IR (KBr): 3383, 3096, 1772, 1700, 1675, 1624, 1598, 1487, 1465, 1430, 1399, 1343, 1176. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): $\delta = 1.73$ -1.90 (*m*, 2H), 2.00-2.20 (*m*, 2H), 2.59-2.70 (*m*, 1H, H-

C(6)), 2.84-2.96 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.49 (*d*, $J = 8.1$, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.70-3.81 (*m*, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8a)), 4.33 (*d*, $J = 8.7$, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.47 and 4.54 (*AB*, $J = 15.0$, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 6.80-6.94 (*m*, 3H, Ar-F), 7.50, 7.66 (*AA'BB'*, $J = 8.3$, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD): $\delta = 24.2, 30.5, 42.3, 50.3, 51.9, 52.0, 69.3, 69.6, 103.8$ (*t*, $J = 25.4$), 111.9 (*dd*, $J = 18.0$ and 7.9), 128.4, 128.5, 130.1, 141.4 (*t*, $J = 9.2$), 146.7, 164.3 (*dd*, $J = 247.2$ and 12.2), 168.1, 176.9, 179.7. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD} + \text{CFCl}_3$): $\delta = -109.0$ (*t*, $J = 8.6$). HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{MH}]^+$, 425.1789; found 425.1780.

(3a_{SR},4_{RS},8a_{SR},8b_{RS})-4-(2-(2,3,4,5,6-Pentafluorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydro-pyrrolo[3,4-*a*]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamidinium Hydrochloride ((±)-4i). Compound ((±)-4i) was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-4d. Yield: 111 mg (73%, colorless needles). M.p. > 220 °C (dec., $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{EtOH}$). IR (KBr): 3356, 3060, 1775, 1713, 1674, 1520, 1511, 1506, 1490, 1395, 1345, 1178. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): $\delta = 1.70-1.90$ (*m*, 2H), 2.00-2.18 (*m*, 2H), 2.58-2.68 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.84-2.95 (*m*, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.45 (*dd*, $J = 8.1$ and 0.9 , 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.66-3.75 (*m*, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8a)), 4.31 (*d*, $J = 8.7$, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.58 and 4.65 (*AB*, $J = 14.7$, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 7.52, 7.66 (*AA'BB'*, $J = 8.3$, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD): $\delta = 24.3, 30.6, 31.2, 50.3, 51.9, 52.0, 69.3, 69.4, 110.7$ (*tt*, $J = 18.2$ and 4.3), 128.4, 130.0, 146.6, 168.0, 176.1, 178.8. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD} + \text{CFCl}_3$): $\delta = -140.0$ (*dd*, $J = 21.4$ and 7.3 , 2F), -155.3 (*t*, $J = 20.3$, 1F), -162.8 (*m*, 2F). HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_5\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{MH}]^+$, 479.1506; found 479.1493.

(3a_{SR},4_{RS},8a_{SR},8b_{RS})-4-(2-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-1,3-dioxodecahydro-pyrrolo[3,4-*a*]pyrrolizin-4-yl)benzamidinium Hydrochloride ((±)-4j). Compound (±)-4j was synthesized according to the procedure described for compound (±)-4d.

Yield: 61 mg (53%, colorless solid). M.p. > 165 °C (dec.). IR (KBr): 3349, 3104, 1773, 1703, 1675, 1613, 1536, 1492, 1431, 1400, 1343, 1174. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 1.72-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.00-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.56-2.67 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 2.81-2.93 (m, 1H, H-C(6)), 3.47 (d, J = 8.1, 1H, H-C(8b)), 3.69-3.79 (m, 2H, H-C(3a) and H-C(8a)), 4.30 (d, J = 8.7, 1H, H-C(4)), 4.45 and 4.52 (AB, J = 14.4, 2H, CHH'-N(5)), 7.22 and 7.32 (AA'BB', J = 8.4, 4H, Ar(Cl)), 7.45, 7.63 (AA'BB', J = 8.7, 4H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 24.3, 30.5, 42.5, 50.4, 51.9, 52.0, 69.4, 69.5, 128.3, 128.4, 129.5, 130.2, 130.9, 134.5, 135.9, 146.8, 168.0, 177.0, 179.8. HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_2$ [MH] $^+$, 425.1789; found 425.1794.

N-(4-Fluorobenzyl)maleimide (6). Compound **6** was synthesized from (4-fluorobenzyl)amine (12.8 g, 102 mmol) maleic anhydride (10.0 g, 102 mmol) according to a literature procedure for the corresponding benzyl derivative.^[9] Yield: 8.9 g (42%, colorless crystals). M.p. 88-89 °C. IR (KBr): 1699, 1602, 1511, 1436, 1408, 1350, 1222, 1158, 1140. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 4.64 (s, 2H, NCH_2), 6.71 (s, 2H, CHCH), 6.94-7.03 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.29-7.36 (m, 2H, Ar). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 40.7, 115.4 (d, J = 21.9), 130.2 (d, J = 8.5), 131.9 (d, J = 3.7), 134.0, 162.1 (d, J = 245.0), 170.1. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3 + CFCl_3): δ = -113.9 (m). MS: calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{FNO}_2$ [M] $^+$, 205.05; found 204.96. X-ray.

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- [2] The H positions were obtained from X-ray crystal structure refinement in which the C-H distances are characteristically too short ($\sim 0.1 \text{ \AA}$). As a result the distances $d_{F\dots H-Y}$ in the table are too long.
- [3] X-ray crystal data for (\pm)-**1a** at 295 K ($C_{16}H_{15}N_3O_2$, $M_r = 281.31$): Monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, $D_c = 1.340 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $Z = 4$, $a = 9.305(2)$, $b = 16.216(4)$, $c = 9.240(2) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.83(2)$, $V = 1394.1(5) \text{ \AA}^3$. Nonius CAD4 diffractometer, $CuK\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$. A single crystal with linear dimensions of ca. $0.25 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$, which crystallized out from EtOAc/Et₂O after CC was used. The structure was solved by direct methods^[10] and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis^[11] including an isotropic extinction correction. All heavy atoms were refined anisotropically (H-atoms isotropic, whereby H-positions are based on stereochemical considerations). Final $R(F) = 0.0383$, $wR(F^2) = 0.1112$ for 206 parameters and 1972 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and $\theta < 66.91^\circ$. CCDC-226080.
- [4] X-ray crystal data for (\pm)-**2a** at 295 K ($C_{16}H_{15}N_3O_2$, $M_r = 281.31$): Monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$, $D_c = 1.356 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $Z = 4$, $a = 5.073(1)$, $b = 13.424(2)$, $c = 20.244(5) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 92.12(2)$, $V = 1377.7(5) \text{ \AA}^3$. Nonius CAD4 diffractometer, $CuK\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$. A single crystal with linear dimensions of ca. $0.32 \times 0.30 \times 0.27 \text{ mm}$, which crystallized out from EtOAc/Et₂O after CC was used. The structure was solved by direct methods^[10] and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis^[11] including an isotropic extinction correction. All heavy atoms were refined anisotropically (H-atoms isotropic, whereby H-positions are based on stereochemical considerations). Final $R(F) = 0.0388$, $wR(F^2) = 0.1093$ for 206 parameters and 2245 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and $\theta < 66.95^\circ$. CCDC-226079.

- [5] X-ray crystal data for (\pm)-**3g** at 173 K ($C_{23}H_{19}F_2N_3O_2$, $M_r = 407.41$): Monoclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, $D_c = 1.416 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $Z = 2$, $a = 9.4643(2)$, $b = 10.2137(2)$, $c = 11.1334(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 94.110(1)$, $\beta = 94.603(1)$, $\gamma = 116.206(1)^\circ$, $V = 955.55(4) \text{ \AA}^3$. Bruker-Nonius Kappa-CCD diffractometer, MoK_α radiation, $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$. A single crystal with linear dimensions of ca. $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$, grown by vapor phase diffusion of hexane into an EtOAc solution at r.t. was used. The structure was solved by direct methods^[10] and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis^[11] including an isotropic extinction correction. All heavy atoms were refined anisotropically (H-atoms isotropic, whereby H-positions are based on stereochemical considerations). Final $R(F) = 0.0400$, $wR(F^2) = 0.0978$ for 291 parameters and 3584 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and $\theta < 27.44^\circ$. CCDC-226082.
- [6] X-ray crystal data for (\pm)-**4b** at 203 K ($C_{23}H_{24}ClFN_4O_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$, $M_r = 478.94$): Monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, $D_c = 1.372 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $Z = 4$, $a = 15.9963(6)$, $b = 14.4021(5)$, $c = 10.0665(3) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.945(1)^\circ$, $V = 2318.81(14) \text{ \AA}^3$. Bruker-Nonius Kappa-CCD diffractometer, MoK_α radiation, $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$. A single crystal with linear dimensions of ca. $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$, grown by slow evaporation of a $MeOH:CH_2Cl_2$ solution at r.t. was used. The structure was solved by direct methods^[10] and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis^[11] including an isotropic extinction correction. All heavy atoms were refined anisotropically (H-atoms isotropic, whereby H-positions are based on stereochemical considerations). Final $R(F) = 0.0771$, $wR(F^2) = 0.1896$ for 323 parameters and 4499 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and $\theta < 26.04^\circ$. CCDC-226083.
- [7] X-ray crystal data for (\pm)-**6** at 100 K ($C_{11}H_8FNO_2$, $M_r = 205.18$): Triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, $D_c = 1.450 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $Z = 6$, $a = 10.4112(2)$, $b = 11.4529(3)$, $c = 12.6696(3)$

Å, $\mathbf{a} = 72.734 (1)$, $\mathbf{b} = 78.112 (1)$, $\mathbf{g} = 89.319(1)^\circ$, $V = 1409.72(6) \text{ \AA}^3$. Bruker-Nonius Kappa-CCD diffractometer, MoK α radiation, $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$. A single crystal with linear dimensions of ca. 0.20 x 0.18 x 0.16 mm, grown by slow evaporation of an EtOAc solution at r.t. was used. The structure was solved by direct methods^[10] and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis^[11] including an isotropic extinction correction. All heavy atoms were refined anisotropically (H-atoms isotropic, whereby H-positions are based on stereochemical considerations). Final $R(F) = 0.0383$ $wR(F^2) = 0.0973$ for 431 parameters and 5373 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and $q < 27.48^\circ$. CCDC-226082.

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center as supplementary publication with the CCDC number indicated in refs. [3-7]. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK (fax: (+44)1223-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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