Supporting Information

for *ortho*-Substituent Effect on 2,4-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic Acid Catalysed-Dehydrative Condensation between Carboxylic Acids and Amines

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1. General Methods.

IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-460 plus spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL ECS-400 (400 MHz) or BRUKER Ascend-500 spectrometer (500 MHz). Data were recorded as follows: chemical shift in ppm from internal tetramethysilane on the δ scale, multiplicity (s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and ¹³C NMR spectra were taken on a JEOL ECS-400 (101 MHz) or BRUKER integration. Ascend-500 spectrometer (126 MHz). Chemical shifts were recorded in ppm from the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CDCl₃ at 77.16 ppm, CD₃OD at 49.00 ppm, ¹¹B NMR spectra were taken on a JEOL ECS-400 (128 MHz) DMSO- d_6 at 39.52 ppm). spectrometer. Chemical shifts were recorded in ppm from the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (BF₃.OEt₂ at 0 ppm). For ¹¹B NMR analysis, a quartz glass NMR tube was used. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were taken on a BRUKER Ascend-500 spectrometer (470 MHz). Chemical shifts were recorded in ppm from the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CF₃Cl at 0 ppm). Analytical HPLC was performed on a Shimadzu Model LC-10AD instrument coupled diode array-detector SPD-MA-10A-VP. For TLC analysis, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 F254 0.25 mm) were used. High resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed at Chemical Instrument Facility, Nagoya University (Bruker Daltonics micrOTOF-QII (ESI)). In-situ IR analysis was conducted on a Mettler-Toledo ReactIR 15 instruments, equipped with a DiComp(diamond) probe connected by an AgX (silver halide) fiber and inserted through a PTFE-lined septum fitted on the reaction vial.

Dry toluene and dichloromethane were purchased from Kanto chemical as the "anhydrous" and stored under nitrogen. Fluorobenzene was purchased from Sigma–Aldrich and used directly. 1,2-Dichloroethane was purchased from Kanto chemical and used directly. Molecular sieves (pellets) were activated by heating in a microwave oven for 1 min and then placed under high vacuum for 10 min. Molecular sieves (powder) were activated by heating with a heatgun (450 °C) under vacuum for 10 min.

3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid (1b) (TCI), 2,4-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid (1c)(TCI), 2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid (1d)(Aldrich), 2-(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid (1e) (TCI), 2-nitrophenylboronic acid (1g) (TCI) and o-tolylboronic acid (1f) (Aldrich) were obtained from commercial supplies and used without further 2-[(*N*,*N*-Diisopropylamino)methyl]phenylboronic $(11)^{1}$ purification. acid and 2-iodo-5-methoxyphenylboronic acid $(1m)^2$ were prepared according to the reported procedures.

2. Synthetic Procedures and Characterization of Catalysts

B(OH)₂ SF₅

2-(Pentafluorosulfanyl)phenylboronic acid (1h): A dry 30-mL, round-bottom flask

was charged with 2-hydroxy(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzene (4.0 mmol, 0.88 g, 1.0 equiv) and pyridine (8 mmol, 0.64 mL, 2.0 equiv) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min and then trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (4.8 mmol, 0.79 mL, 1.2 equiv) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 4 hours, the reaction was quenched with water (20 mL). The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 x 2 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. It was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) to give 2-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.33 g, 95% yield). A 10-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with 2-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (3.8 mmol, 1.3 g, 1.0 equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron (12 mmol, 3.1 g, 3.0 equiv), potassium phosphate (12 mmol, 2.5 g, 3.0 equiv), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (0.12)mmol. 0.11 0.030 equiv), g, 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl (SPhos) (0.24 mmol, 208 mg, 0.060 equiv) in toluene (8 mL). The mixture was degassed and charged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux (bath temperature 110 °C) for 4 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (8 mL) and filtered through a tight pad of celite. The filtrate was washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was then evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. It was further purified through flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 5: 1) to provide the desired triflate product (1.14 g, 91% yield). A 30-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with the 2-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (3.5 mmol, 1.1 g) in 1,4-dioxane (4 mL), and then a solution of 4 *M* HCl (20 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux (bath temperature 110 °C) over night. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl ether (10 x 3 mL) and the organic layer was separated, washed with water, brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. It was further purified through a flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1) to provide the 2-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenylboronic acid 1h as a white solid (0.62 g, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.37 (s, 2H), 7.83 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126) MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 155.15 (t, J_{C-F} = 13.8 Hz, 1C), 136.86, 132.55, 131.19, 128.46, 125.69; IR (KBr) 3340, 1602, 1354, 1117, 1063, 1008 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₆H₅BF₅O₂S [M-H]⁻ 247.0030, found 247.0030.

B(OH)₂ O₂N

2-Methyl-4-nitrophenylboronic acid (1i): A dry 300-mL, round-bottom flask charged with 1-bromo-2-methyl-4-nitrobenzene (17 mmol, 3.7 1.0 was g, equiv). bis(pinacolato)diboron (26 mmol, 6.6 g, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (51 mmol, 5.0 g, 3.0 equiv), PdCl₂(dppf) (0.51 mmol, 0.42 g, 0.03 equiv) in N,N-dimethylformamide (85 mL). The mixture was degassed and charged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 85 °C overnight. The resulting mixture was filtered through a tight pad of celite. The filtrate was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with water to remove N,N-dimethylformamide. The organic layer was then washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to provide the desired product (3.7 g, 88% yield). A 300-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(2-methyl-4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (15 mmol. 3.7 g) in 1,4-dioxane (15 mL), and then a solution of 4 M HCl (75 mL) was added. The mixture was heated to reflux (bath temperature 110 °C) over night. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl ether (75 x 2 mL) and the organic layer was separated, washed with water, brine, and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1) to provide the 2-methyl-4-nitrophenylboronic acid 1i (containing some amount of anhydride) as a yellow solid (1.9 g, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.08–7.95 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.65, 145.17, 143.01, 133.81, 123.01, 119.16, 21.80; IR (KBr) 3514, 1509, 1336, 1024 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₇H₇BNO₄ [M-H]⁻ 180,0475, found 180,0473.

B(OH)₂

2-Ethyl-4-nitrophenylboronic acid (1j): A dry 300-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with 2-ethylphenol (30 mmol, 3.6 mL, 1.0 equiv) in ethyl acetate (120 mL). Nitrous acid $(60\%, d = 1.360 \text{ g cm}^{-3})$ (30 mmol, 2.3 mL, 1.0 equiv), zinc chloride (30 mmol, 4.1 g, 1.0 equiv) were added to the flask at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was filtered through a tight pad of celite. The filtrate was washed with water, brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The crude product was

further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 5 : 1) to provide 2-ethyl-4-nitrophenol (3.0 g, 60% yield). A dry 200-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with 2-ethyl-4-nitrophenol (18 mmol, 3.0 g, 1.0 equiv) and pyridine (36 mmol, 2.9 mL, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous dichloromethane (72 mL). The mixture was stirring at 0 °C for 5 min and then trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (22 mmol, 1.8 mL, 1.2 equiv) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 4 hours, the reaction was quenched with water. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column to give 2-ethyl-4-nitrophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (4.0 g, 75% yield). A 50-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with 2-ethyl-4-nitrophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (13 mmol, 4.0 g, 1.0 equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron (40 mmol, 10 g, 3.0 equiv), potassium phosphate (40 mmol, 8.4 g, 3.0 equiv), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.40 mmol, 0.37 g, 0.03 equiv), SPhos (0.80 mmol, 0.33 g, 0.06 equiv) in toluene (27 mL). The mixture was degassed and charged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux (bath temperature 110 °C) for 4 hours. The resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered through a tight pad of celite. The filtrate was washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was then evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to provide the desired product (2.8 g, 71% yield). A 100-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with the 2-(2-ethyl-4-nitrophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (9.0 mmol, 2.5 g, 1.0 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (9 mL), and then a solution of 4 M HCl (45 mL) was added. The mixture was heated to reflux (bath temperature 110 °C) over night. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl ether and the organic layer was separated, washed with water, brine, and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1) to provide the 2-ethyl-4-nitrophenylboronic acid 1j (containing some amount of anhydride) as a light yellow solid (1.3 g, 74% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.44 (br, 1H), 8.07– 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d₆) & 149.17, 147.79, 145.02, 133.76, 121.63, 119.33, 28.31, 16.12; IR (KBr) 3513, 1509, 1338, 1023 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₈H₉BNO₄ [M-H]⁻ 194,0632, found 194.0633.

O₂N **2-Isopropyl-4-nitrophenylboronic acid (1k):** A dry 300-mL, round-bottom flask

was charged with 2-isopropylphenol (22 mmol, 3.0 mL, 1.0 equiv) in ethyl acetate (88 mL).

Nitrous acid (1.38 g/mL) (22 mmol, 1.7 mL, 1.0 equiv), zinc chloride (22 mmol, 3.0 g, 1.0 equiv) were added to the flask at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 h. The resulting mixture was filtered through a tight pad of celite. The filtrate was washed with water, brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The crude product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 5 : 1) to provide 2-isopropyl-4-nitrophenol (2.7 g, 67% yield). A dry 200-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with 2-isopropyl-4-nitrophenol (15 mmol, 2.7 g, 1.0 equiv) and pyridine (30 mmol, 2.4 mL, 2.0 equiv.) in anhydrous dichloromethane (75 mL). The mixture was stirring at 0 °C for 5 min and then trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (18 mmol, 3.0 g, 1.2 equiv.) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm back to room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 1.5 h, the reaction was quenched with water. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column to give 2-isopropyl-4-nitrophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (3.5 g, 76% yield). A 50-mL, round-bottom flask was charged with 2-isopropyl-4-nitrophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (11 mmol, 3.5 g, 1.0 equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron (33 mmol, 8.4 g, 3.0 equiv), potassium phosphate (33 mmol, 7.0 g, 3.0 equiv), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.66 mmol, 0.30 g, 0.030 equiv), SPhos (0.66 mmol, 0.27 g, 0.06 equiv) in toluene (22 mL). The mixture was degassed and charged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated (bath temperature 110 °C) overnight. The resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through a tight pad of celite. The filtrate was washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was then evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to provide the desired triflate product (2.6 g, 82% yield). A 100-ml, round-bottom flask was charged with the triflate (9.0 mmol, 2.6 g) in 1,4-dioxane (9 mL), and then a solution of 4 M HCl (45 mL) was added. The mixture was heated (bath temperature 110 °C) for 22 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl ether and the organic layer was separated, washed with water, brine, and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum to give the crude product. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1) to provide the (2-isopropyl-4-nitrophenyl)boronic acid 1k (containing some amount of anhydride) as a light yellow solid (1.4 g, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.48 (brs, 2H), δ 8.03 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 7H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 153.13, 147.95, 145.54, 133.15, 119.48, 118.47, 32.78, 23.75 (2C); IR (KBr) 3311, 1520, 1350 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₁₁BNO₄ [M-H]⁻ 208.0788, found 208.0794.

B(OH)₂

MeO

B(OH)₂

¹ **2-[(***N***,***N***-Diisopropylamino)methyl]phenylboronic acid (11):**¹ white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.74 (brs, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.02 (hept, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 142.79, 135.72, 130.60, 129.59, 126.42, 50.99, 46.86, 19.58; IR (KBr) 3314, 1597, 1385 cm⁻¹.

2-Iodo-5-methoxyphenylboronic acid (1m):² white solid (containing some amount of anhydride); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.25 (brs, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.40, 138.55, 118.92, 116.26, 87.55, 55.11; IR (KBr) 3331, 1583, 1467, 1392, 1345, 1237, 1042 cm⁻¹.

3. Synthetic Procedures and Characterization of Starting Materials

General procedure for preparing 2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl masked amino acids:³ A single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with α -amino acid (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), triethylamine (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in methanol (2 *M*). The mixture was stirred for 5 min, and ethyl trifluoroacetate (13 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was gradually added. The reaction mixture was then stirred at ambient temperature for almost 20 h. The solvent was then removed in vacuum and the white residue was dissolved in 1 *M* hydrogen chloride solution (20 mL). The aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 x 2 mL), and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated to provide the *N*-trifluoroacetyl amino acids.

 $F_{3}C \stackrel{[]}{\longrightarrow} CO_{2}H$ *N*-2-Trifluoroacetylglycine (2g): white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.92 (brs, 1H), 9.77 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 169.66, 156.85 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.4 Hz, 1C), 115.96 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 287.8 Hz, 1C), 40.90; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -74.60; IR (KBr) 3445, 1717, 1637, 1220, 1194 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄H₃F₃NNa₂O₃ [M+2Na-H]⁺ 215.9855, found 215.9864.

^N_{F₃C} ^N_H ^N_{CO₂H</sup> *N*-**Trifluoroacetyl**-*L*-**alanine (2h):** white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.71 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.39, 156.11 (q, *J* = 36.5 Hz), 115.81 (q, *J* = 288.1 Hz), 48.16, 16.18; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz,} DMSO- d_6) δ -74.26; IR (KBr) 3434, 1709, 1638, 1191 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅H₅F₃NNa₂O₃ [M+2Na-H]⁺ 230.0011, found 230.0020.

F₃C N CO₂H

F₃C[•] N⁺ CO₂H⁺ *N*-**Trifluoroacetyl**-*L*-**phenylalanine** (2i): white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.19 (m, 5H), 4.52 (m, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 11.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.38, 156.25 (q, *J* = 36.6 Hz, 1C), 137.29, 128.98 (2C), 128.24 (2C), 126.58, 115.74 (q, *J* = 288.2 Hz, 1C), 53.99, 35.62; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -74.35; IR (KBr) 3539, 3319, 1711, 1559, 1180 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₉F₃NNa₂O₃ [M+2Na-H]⁺ 306.0324, found 306.0324.

 $\int_{F_3C} \int_{N} \int_{CO_2H} N-\text{Trifluoroacetyl-}L-\text{valine (2j): white solid; }^{1}\text{H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-}d_6) \delta$ 9.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31–2.05 (m, 1H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-}d_6) \delta$ 171.46, 156.76 (q, J = 36.8 Hz, 1C), 115.91 (q, J = 287.9 Hz, 1C), 58.43, 29.19, 19.00, 18.39; $^{19}\text{F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-}d_6) \delta$ -73.70; IR (KBr) 3278, 1701, 1556, 1186 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₇H₉F₃NNa₂O₃ [M+2Na-H]⁺ 258.0324, found 258.0330.

 $F_{3}C \overset{O}{\overset{}}_{H} \overset{(\int_{2}^{SMe})}{\overset{CO_{2}H}{\overset{}}} N-Tri$

^{F₃C N CO₂H *N***-Trifluoroacetyl-***L***-methionine (2k):** white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42–4.38 (m, 1H), 2.56–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.08–1.99 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.72, 156.59 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.6 Hz, 1C), 115.82 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 288.1 Hz, 1C), 51.56, 29.75, 29.47, 14.45; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -74.18; IR (KBr) 3291, 1747, 1707, 1560, 1223, 1184, 1158 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₇H₉F₃NNa₂O₃S [M+2Na-H]⁺ 290.0045, found 290.0045.}

 $\int_{F_3C} \int_{H} \int_{CO_2H} \int_{CO_2H} S$ -Methyl-*N*-trifluoroacetyl-*L*-cysteine (21): white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 170.62, 156.53 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.7)

Hz, 1C), 115.87 (q, $J_{C-F} = 288.1$ Hz, 1C), 51.97, 33.98, 14.84; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ – 74.27; IR (KBr) 3304, 1712, 1559, 1185 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₆H₇F₃NNa₂O₃S [M+2Na-H]⁺ 275.9889, found 275,9889.

4. General Methods for the Dehydrative Condensation and Characterization of Amide Products (Tables 1 and 2)

General procedure for the amide condensation at room temperature: A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with carboxylic acid (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $ArB(OH)_2$ (1) (0.050 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and 1 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in dichloromethane (0.07 *M*). After the mixture was stirred for 5 min, amine was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for several hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and washed with dichloromethane. The filtrate was purified by short flash chromatography on silica gel column (normal silica : NH silica = 9 : 1, hexane : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) to give the desired amide products.

General procedure for the amide condensation under azeotropic reflux conditions: A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar and a 5-mL pressure-equalized addition funnel [containing a cotton plug and 2 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (pellets)] surmounted by a reflux condenser was charged with carboxylic acid (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1 (0.10 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in fluorobenzene or toluene (0.2 *M*). After the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 5 min, amine (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was heated under azeotropic reflux conditions with the removal of water for several hours. After the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by short flash chromatography on silica gel column (normal silica : NH silica = 9 : 1, hexane : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) to give the desired amide products **5**.



^{*i*-Bu</sub> ^{*i*} **N-Benzyl-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanamide (5aa):**⁴ white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.17 (m, 5H), 7.13–7.10 (m, 4H), 5.67 (brs, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.47, 140.91, 138.58, 138.49, 129.78 (2C), 128.70 (2C), 127.49 (2C), 127.42, 46.92, 45.12, 43.62, 30.31, 22.50 (2C), 18.56; IR (KBr) 3307, 1644, 1542 cm⁻¹.}



Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.06, 141.05, 128.60 (2C), 128.46 (2C), 126.31, 39.65, 38.71, 31.93, 31.58, 29.64, 26.64, 22.65, 14.14; IR (KBr) 3325, 1637, 1541 cm⁻¹.



Et H N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylbutanamide (5cc):⁶ white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.23 (m, 7H), 6.78 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.37 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31–2.21 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.80 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.64, 156.49, 139.79, 131.12, 129.10 (2C), 128.21 (2C), 127.57, 121.75 (2C), 114.17 (2C), 56.13, 55.61, 26.59, 12.52; IR (KBr) 3282, 1654, 1512cm⁻¹.



N-Propyladamantane-1-carboxamide (5db): white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.58 (brs, 1H), 3.22 (td, J = 7.2, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.85 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 6H), 1.77–1.68 (m, 6H), 1.55–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 6H), 0.94–0.83 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.91, 40.67, 39.45 (3C), 39.42, 36.68 (3C), 31.61, 29.74, 28.29 (3C), 26.69, 22.67, 14.14; IR (KBr) 3312, 1634, 1557 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₃₀NO [M+H]⁺ 264,2322, found 262.2329.



N-Benzylbenzamide (5ea):⁷ white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.55 (brs, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.48, 138.32, 134.49, 131.64, 128.88 (2C), 128.69 (2C), 128.01 (2C), 127.71, 127.09 (2C), 44.23; IR (KBr) 3294, 1638, 1551 cm⁻¹.

Methyl benzoyl-L-valinate (5ed):⁸ white solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral AD-H,

hexane/ethanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), $t_{\rm R}$ = 23.878 (minor enantiomer), $t_{\rm R}$ = 27.475 (major enantiomer) min, 99% ee; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 2H), 6.67 (brd, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.31–2.24 (m, 1H), 1.02–0.98 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.76, 167.37, 134.27, 131.82, 128.71 (2C), 127.15 (2C), 57.52, 52.34, 31.74, 19.11, 18.08; IR (KBr) 3342, 1738, 1638, 1519 cm⁻¹.

Morpholino(phenyl)methanone (5ee):⁹ colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.39 (m, 5H), 3.78–3.46 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.57, 135.46, 130.01, 128.71 (2C), 127.22 (2C), 67.05; IR (KBr) 2856, 1632, 1430, 1279, 1258, 1114, 1017, 842, 789, 710 cm⁻¹.



Methyl *N*-pyrazine-2-carbonyl-*L*-phenylalaninate (5ff):¹⁰ light yellow oil; HPLC (Daicel Chiral OD-3 x 2, hexane/isopropanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), $t_{\rm R}$ = 81.688 (minor enantiomer), $t_{\rm R}$ = 94.704 (major enantiomer) min, 99% ee; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.37 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (m, 1 H), 8.21 (brd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30– 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.15 (m, 2H), 5.10–5.06 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.30–3.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.66, 162.77, 147.62, 144.55, 144.14, 142.87, 135.86, 129.37 (2C), 128.79 (2C), 127.35, 53.49, 52.59, 38.33; IR (KBr) 3388, 1743, 1679, 1521 cm⁻¹.

5. Optimization of Reaction Conditions for Dipeptide Synthesis

5-1. Screening of N-Protecting Groups for Amino Acids



A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with *N*-protected α -amino acid (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **1c** (0.13 mmol, 32 mg, 0.25 equiv) and ca. 0.75 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in toluene (0.2 *M*). After the mixture was stirred for 5 min, α -amino ester (0.50 mmol, 90 mg, 1.0 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 24 hours at 60 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was then filtered through a tight pad of celite, and washed with ethyl acetate (5 mL). The filtrate was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel column (normal silica: NH silica = 9: 1, hexane : ethyl acetate = 1: 1) to give the desired dipeptide products.

Ĵ	, он	H ₂ N CO ₂ Me	1 (25 r	mol%)		∘Me
F₃C´	N H Bn O	Ēn	toluene 60 °C, 24	(0.2 <i>M</i>) h, 3Å MS	N H I I	2
	entry		catalyst	yield (%)	dr	
	1 (This work)		1c	65	>95:5	
	2 (Hall's cat.)		1m	38	>95:5	
	3 (Yamamoto's ca	ıt.)	1b	<5	-	

5-2. Activity of Several Boronic Acid Catalysts in Dipeptide Synthesis

A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with *N*-protected α -amino acid (0.50 mmol, 93 mg, 1.0 equiv), **1** (0.13 mmol, 0.25 equiv.) and ca. 0.75 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in Toluene (0.2 *M*). After the mixture was stirred for 5 min, α -amino ester (0.50 mmol, 90 mg, 1.0 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 48 hours at 60 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was then filtered through a celite pad, and washed with ethyl acetate (5 mL). The filtrate was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel column (normal silica: NH silica = 9 : 1, hexane : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) to give the desired dipeptide products **5**.

F ₃ C N OH	+ H ₂ N CO ₂ Me Bn —	1c (15 mol%) Solvents (0.2 <i>M</i>) 60 °C, 24 h, 3Å MS	N H CO ₂ Me
entry	solvent	yield (%)	dr
1	1,2-dichloroethane	81	>95:5
2	Toluene	33	>95:5
3	PhF	21	>95:5
4	THF	9	>95:5
5	Chloroform	<5	-
6	DMF	<5	-

5-3. Optimization of Solvents for 1c-Catalysed Dipeptide Synthesis

A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with *N*-protected α -amino acid (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), ArB(OH)₂ (0.075 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and 0.75 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in reaction solvent (0.2 *M*).

After stirred at ambient temperature for 5 min, α -amino ester (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 48 hours at 60 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was then filtered through a tight pad of celite, and washed with ethyl acetate (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel column (normal silica: NH silica = 9 : 1, hexane : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) to give the desired dipeptide products **5**. Diastereoselectivities were determined by ¹H-NMR or ¹⁹F-NMR.

6. General Methods for the Dehydrative Condensation and Characterization of Dipeptides.

DCE (0.2 M) 60 °C, 48 h, 3Å MS 3d~h 5gf~4hh 2g~l product, yield, dr **5gf** 88%, >99:1 er 5hf 5if 81%, 98:2 dr 83%, 97:3 dr **5jf** 60%, 98:2 dr 5kf 5lf 71%, 82:18 dr 82%. 96:4 dr **5hg** 72%, 97:3 dr 5hh 5id 73%, 98:2 dr 78%, 97:3 dr

6-1. Dipeptide synthesis by using α -amino esters as amines:

A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with *N*-protected α -amino acid (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **1c** (0.075 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and 0.75 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.2 *M*). After the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 5 min, α -amino ester (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 48 hours at 60 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was then filtered through a tight pad of celite, and washed with ethyl acetate (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel column (normal silica: NH silica = 9 : 1, hexane : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) to give the desired dipeptide products **5**. Diastereoselectivities were determined by ¹H-NMR or ¹⁹F-NMR. (shown below)**6-2. Dipeptide synthesis by using** α -amino ester hydrochlorides as amines (Table 3): A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with *N*-protected α -amino acid (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **1c** (0.075 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and 0.75 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.2 *M*). After the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 5 min, α -amino ester hydrochloride (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv)) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 48 hours at 60 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was then filtered through a tight pad of celite, and washed with ethyl acetate (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel column (normal silica: NH silica 9 : 1, hexane : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) to give the desired dipeptide products **5**. Diastereoselectivities were determined by HPLC analysis. Authentic samples were independently prepared from *L*- or *D*-amino acids, and their mixture was used as reference.

As reported by Shibasaki and Kumagai *et.* al,¹¹ we also found that hydrochloride was slightly more reactive as an amine source. And we think molecular serves perhaps help to absorb the hydrochloride, that force the progress of amidation.

$$F_{3}C \xrightarrow{O}_{H} \xrightarrow{V}_{O} \xrightarrow{H}_{Bn} \xrightarrow{CO_{2}Me} N$$
-Trifluoroacetyl-glycinyl-*L*-phenylalanine methyl ester (5gf): white

solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), t_R = 7.245 (major enantiomer), t_R = 9.890 (minor enantiomer) min, 99:1 er; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 80 °C) δ 9.51 (brs, 1H), 8.48 (brs, 1H), 7.25 (m, 5H), 4.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 13.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 171.74, 167.11, 156.63 (q, J_{C-F} = 36.3 Hz, 1C), 136.94, 129.08 (2C), 128.29 (2C), 126.63, 115.89 (q, J_{C-F} = 287.9 Hz, 1C), 53.73, 51.91, 41.45, 36.75; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -74.38; IR (KBr) 3357, 1732, 1709, 1654, 1549 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅F₃N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 355,0876, found 355.0886.

$$F_{3}C \xrightarrow{O}_{H} \xrightarrow{H}_{O} \xrightarrow{CO_{2}Me}_{Bn}$$
 N-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-alanyl-*L*-phenylalanine methyl ester (5hf): white

solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.128 (major enantiomer), $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.856 (minor enantiomer) min, 98:2 dr; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 9.16 (brs, 1H), 8.18 (brs, 1H), 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.76, 170.95, 155.94 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.7 Hz, 1C), 137.02, 129.13 (2C), 128.28 (2C), 126.62, 115.83 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 287.6 Hz, 1C), 53.81, 51.88, 48.60, 36.50, 17.27; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz,

DMSO- d_6) δ -74.04; IR (KBr) 3303, 1742, 1707, 1648, 1543 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₃N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 369.1033, found 369.1032.



N-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-phenyl-*L*-phenylalanine methyl ester (5if): white solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.129 (major enantiomer), $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.380 (minor enantiomer) min, 95:5 dr; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 9.24 (brs, 1H), 8.40 (brd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (m, 10H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.01 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.18, 170.46, 156.51 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.7 Hz, 1C), 137.77, 137.48, 129.60 (4C), 128.78 (2C), 128.60 (2C), 127.14, 127.01, 116.21 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 288.3 Hz, 1C), 54.80, 54.33, 52.44, 37.14, 36.99; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ –74.07; IR (KBr) 3289, 1735, 1703, 1666, 1551 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁F₃N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 445.1346, found 445.1345.



*B*ⁿ *N*-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-valinyl-*L*-phenylalanine methyl ester (5jf): white solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), t_R = 3.817 (major enantiomer), t_R = 4.783 (minor enantiomer) min, 99:1 dr; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 8.96 (brs, 1H), 8.33 (brd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 5H), 4.57 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.10–3.05 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.10–2.05 (m, 1H), 0.87 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 5.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.63, 169.65, 156.18 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 37.1 Hz, 1C), 136.99, 129.07 (2C), 128.17 (2C), 126.56, 115.92 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 287.5 Hz, 1C), 58.80, 53.53, 51.82, 36.53, 29.84, 18.78, 18.54; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ – 68.86; IR (KBr) 3282, 1744, 1708, 1655, 1553 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₁F₃N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 397.1346, found 397.1345.

^o B_n *N*-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-methionyl-*L*-phenylalanine methyl ester (5kf): white solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), t_R = 4.503 (major enantiomer), t_R = 5.516 (minor enantiomer) min, 96:4 dr; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 9.25 (brs, 1H), 8.30 (brs, 1H), 7.29–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.54 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.09–3.05 (m, 1H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.98 – 1.95 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.68, 169.89, 156.29 (q, J = 36.6 Hz, 1C), 136.97, 129.05 (2C), 128.22 (2C), 126.57, 115.78 (q, J = 288.2 Hz, 1C), 53.71, 52.36, 51.87, 36.36, 30.75, 29.49, 14.61; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ –73.91; IR (KBr) 3336, 3249, 1730, 1650, 1559 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₁F₃N₂NaO₄S [M+Na]⁺ 429.1066, found 429.1065.

$$\mathsf{F_{3}C} \overset{O}{\underset{H}{\overset{}}} \overset{\mathsf{Me}}{\underset{O}{\overset{H}{\overset{}}}} \overset{\mathsf{Me}}{\underset{Bn}{\overset{}}} \mathsf{CO_{2}Me}$$

(5lf): white solid; Diastereoselectivities were determined by ¹H-NMR or ¹⁹F-NMR, dr = 78 : 22; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 9.27 (brs, 1H), 8.41 (brd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.55 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.14–3.06 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.92 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.53, 168.97, 156.36 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.6 Hz, 1C), 136.92, 129.07 (2C), 128.24 (2C), 126.61, 115.85 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 288.1 Hz, 1C), 53.81, 52.17, 51.92, 36.42, 34.85, 14.86; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ –73.96; IR (KBr) 3288, 1738, 1708, 1662, 1551 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉F₃N₂NaO₄S [M+Na]⁺ 415.0910, found 415.0912.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-S-methyl-L-cysteinyl-L-phenylalanine methyl ester



N-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-phenylalanyl-*L*-valine methyl ester (5id): white solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), $t_{\rm R}$ = 3.811 (major enantiomer), $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.914 (minor enantiomer) min, 95:5 dr; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 9.29 (brs, 1H), 8.17 (brs, 1H), 7.29–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.77–4.71 (m, 1H), 4.26– 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.15–3.07 (m, 2H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.78, 170.34, 156.14 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.6 Hz, 1C), 137.32, 129.13 (2C), 128.09 (2C), 126.52, 115.73 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 288.0 Hz, 1C), 57.67, 54.33, 51.80, 36.62, 29.87, 18.93, 18.26; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ –74.07; IR (KBr) 3310, 1716, 1661, 1543 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₁F₃N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 397.1346, found 397.1349.

$$F_{3C} \xrightarrow{N}_{H} \xrightarrow{V}_{O} \xrightarrow{Me}_{Bn} \xrightarrow{CO_2Et}_{Bn}$$
 N-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-alanyl-*L*-phenylalanine ethyl ester (5hg): white

solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.435 (major enantiomer), $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.997 (minor enantiomer) min, 97:3 dr; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 9.18 (brs, 1H), 8.19 (brd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44–4.37 (m, 1H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.08–3.03 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* =

13.9, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 171.17, 170.89, 155.89 (q, $J_{C-F} = 36.5$ Hz, 1C), 136.99, 129.11 (2C), 128.20 (2C), 126.55, 115.79 (q, $J_{C-F} = 288.1$ Hz, 1C), 60.49, 53.81, 48.57, 36.50, 17.28, 13.88; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -74.05; IR (KBr) 3308, 1736, 1709, 1651 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉F₃N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 393.1189, found 383.1191.

$$F_3C \xrightarrow{Me}_{Bn} \xrightarrow{H}_{CO_2Bn} V$$

N-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-alanyl-*L*-phenylalanine benzyl ester (5hh): white

solid; HPLC (Daicel Chiral IC-3, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min), $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.190 (major enantiomer), $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.709 (minor enantiomer) min, 97:3 dr; major isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 80 °C) δ 9.19 (brs, 1H), 8.28 (brd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.19 (m, 10H), 5.13–5.06 (m, 2H), 4.59 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44–4.38 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.07 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 171.08, 170.91, 155.89 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.5 Hz, 1C), 136.90, 135.67, 129.12 (2C), 128.35 (2C), 128.25 (2C), 128.04, 127.87 (2C), 126.58, 115.80 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 288.1 Hz, 1C), 66.06, 53.84, 48.54, 36.45, 17.29; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ –74.02; IR (KBr) 3304, 1732, 1709, 1651, 1542 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁F₃N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 445.1346, found 445.1351.

7. Selective Deprotection of Benzyloxycarbonyl Moiety or *N*-Trifluoroacetyl Moiety of Dipeptides

7-1. Selective deprotection of benzyl moiety of 5hh:

$$F_{3}C \xrightarrow{O}_{H} H \xrightarrow{H}_{O} CO_{2}Bn \xrightarrow{Pd/C (10 \text{ mol%})}_{H_{2} (balloon)} F_{3}C \xrightarrow{O}_{H} H \xrightarrow{H}_{O} CO_{2}H \xrightarrow{H}_{Bn} CO_{2}H$$

To a single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was added *N*-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-alanyl-*L*-phenylalanine benzyl ester **5hh** (0.10 mmol, 42 mg, 1.0 equiv) and Pd/C (4.0 mg, 10 w/w%) in methanol (0.2 *M*). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature in a H₂ atmosphere for 12 h. The resulting mixture was filtered through a Celite pad, and the solvent was removed in vacuum to provide the deprotected product (33 mg, 98% yield). *N*-Trifluoroacetyl-*L*-alanyl-*L*-phenylalanine: dr = 98 : 2; major isomer: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 174.43, 173.22, 158.52 (q, *J* = 37.4 Hz, 1H), 138.19, 130.40 (2C), 129.40 (2C), 127.75, 117.33 (q, *J* = 286.6 Hz, 1C), 55.22, 38.32, 17.59; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ –

77.06; IR (KBr) 3302, 1704, 1654, 1552 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{14}H_{15}F_3KN_2NaO_4$ [M+K]⁺ 371.0615, found 371.0616.

7-2. Selective deprotection of *N*-trifluoroacetyl moiety:



To a single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was added *N*-trifluoroacetyl-*L*-methionyl-*L*-phenylalanine methyl ester **5kf** (1.0 mmol, 0.41 g, 1.0 equiv) and hydrogen chloride solution (2 *M* in MeOH). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 5 h. The solvent was removed in vacuum, and the resulting white solid was dissolved in saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate aqueous solution (4 mL). The aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 2 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuum to provide the deprotected product (0.36 g, 92% yield).

L-Methionyl-*L*-phenylalanine methyl ester: dr = 96 : 4, major compound: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol- d_4) δ 7.33–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 3H), 4.70 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, J = 7.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 13.9, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.91–1.84 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.68 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Methanol- d_4) δ 177.17, 173.39, 138.06, 130.24 (2C), 129.55 (2C), 127.97, 55.07, 54.98, 52.73, 38.33, 35.66, 30.83, 15.14; IR (KBr) 1742, 1668 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₂N₂NaO₃S [M+Na]⁺ 333.1243, found 333.1244.

8. Experiments for Mechanistic Study (Table 4)



A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with **2a** (0.2 mmol, 41 mg, 1.0 equiv), $ArB(OH)_2$ (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 0.5 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in CDCl₃ (0.05 *M*). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and then the generation and yield of dimeric (acyloxy)boronate intermediate **6** was determined by ¹H, and ¹¹B NMR (See attached NMR charts for more details).



A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with **2a** (0.2 mmol, 41 mg, 1.0 equiv), $ArB(OH)_2$ (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 0.5 g of activated activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in CDCl₃ (0.05 *M*). After the full conversion to dimeric (acyloxy)boronate intermediate **6**, benzyl amine **3a** (0.20 mmol, 22 µL, 1.0 equiv) was added to this reaction. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min, the yield of amide **5aa** was then confirmed by ¹H NMR (See attached NMR charts for more details).



Dimeric 3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoic anhydride (6ab): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Benzene- d_6) δ 8.37 (brs, 2H), 7.89 (brs, 1H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 3.29 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (dt, J = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H).



CF₃ 6ac Dimeric 2,4-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoic anhydride (6ac): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Benzene- d_6) δ 8.28 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 3.37 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H).



Dimeric

3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic

2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoic anhydride (6al): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 – 6.64 (m, 8H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 3.14 (q, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.24 – 0.79 (m, 18H). The chemical structure of **6al** is not clear.



6amDimeric2-Iodo-5-methoxyphenylboronic2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoic anhydride (6am): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.72 (dd,J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.58 (m, 1H), 3.88 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H),3.76 - 3.72 (m, 3H), 2.44 (dd, J = 7.0, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.54 (d, J = 7.0, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

9. In Situ IR Analysis and NMR Experiments of Mixed Anhydride Intermediate with Amine (Scheme 4)

9-1. IR spectra library

Target moiety:



Stretching vibration of C=O bond $(1720 \sim 1700 \text{ cm}^{-1})$

Ibuprofen 2a (1708 cm⁻¹), 6ab (1589 cm⁻¹), 6ac (1596 cm⁻¹), 2a/pyridine (1712 cm⁻¹), 2a/pyridine/1c (1708 cm⁻¹)





9-2. Mechanistic study of ortho-substituent effect through in situ IR analysis (Scheme 4)

A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask, equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar and inserted with a Mettler-Toledo ReactIR 15 Dicomp(diamond) probe through a PTFE-lined septum, was charged with 2a (1.0 mmol, 206 mg, 1.0 equiv), 1 (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1.0 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in DCM (0.2 *M*). After full conversion to a mixed anhydride intermediate was achieved, ReactIR started. At the point of 3.5 minute, pyridine (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwisely to the reaction solution [vigorous environmental change might cause machine error]. The coordinated intermediate was formed immediately and the ReactIR detection was stopped after 3 more minutes of stirring.

Data of *in situ* **IR analysis by using 6ab.** During the plateau in late-stage, an arbitrary timing (Relative time = 05:56) was chosen to compare the ratio of intermediate with coordinated intermediate. With elimination of baseline, the ratio of intermediate is 26%, and that of coordinated intermediate is 74%.

Data of *in situ* **IR analysis by using 6ac.** During the plateau in late-stage, an arbitrary timing (Relative time = 05:55) was chosen to compare the ratio of intermediate with coordinated intermediate. With elimination of baseline, the ratio of intermediate is 77%, and that of coordinated intermediate is 23%.

Raw data of *in situ* IR detection (6ab + pyridine):

Raw data of ReactIR detection by using 1b
(Intermediate at 1589 cm ⁻¹ , Baseline at 1652 cm ⁻¹ , Coordinated intermediate at
1693 cm ⁻¹ , Peak intensity is described with A.U.)

Relative Time	Peak at 1589 cm-1	Peak at 1652 cm-1	Peak at 1693 cm-1
0:00:11	0.172992	0.0221123	0.0194665
0:00:26	0.175346	0.0237055	0.0210081
0:00:41	0.175509	0.0227627	0.020204
0:00:56	0.174265	0.0216294	0.0196325
0:01:11	0.174162	0.0219309	0.0194945
0:01:26	0.173889	0.021172	0.0196081
0:01:41	0.173788	0.0211189	0.0188779
0:01:56	0.172776	0.0208394	0.017947
0:02:11	0.176298	0.0223987	0.0212408
0:02:26	0.175655	0.0229399	0.0199641
0:02:41	0.174938	0.0215731	0.0186324
0:02:56	0.173692	0.0213366	0.0187076
0:03:11	0.175241	0.0209962	0.0190787
0:03:26	0.158505	0.0278145	0.0448302
0:03:41	0.126554	0.0357475	0.0808785
0:03:56	0.101866	0.0402226	0.101252
0:04:11	0.0795004	0.041873	0.117239
0:04:26	0.0742792	0.042531	0.118756
0:04:41	0.0696319	0.0412621	0.121571
0:04:56	0.0681294	0.040126	0.119432
0:05:11	0.0668497	0.0386091	0.118001
0:05:26	0.065223	0.0376618	0.117119
0:05:41	0.0640928	0.0368166	0.1164
0:05:56	0.0641896	0.0358105	0.116233
0:06:11	0.0627876	0.0356759	0.11467

Time-Intensity Curve



Time-Intensity Curve (with elimination of baseline)



Raw data of *in situ* IR detection (6ac + pyridine):

Raw data of ReactIR detection by using 1c (Intermediate at 1596 cm⁻¹, Baseline at 1652 cm⁻¹, Coordinated intermediate at 1697 cm⁻¹, Peak intensity is described with A.U.)

Relative Time	Peak at 1596 cm-1	Peak at 1652 cm-1	Peak at 1697 cm-1
0:00:11	0.172458	0.00831518	0.0100545
0:00:25	0.17291	0.00786808	0.00930737
0:00:41	0.173108	0.0097962	0.0104974
0:00:56	0.173314	0.0110277	0.0120282
0:01:10	0.173444	0.00995363	0.0122314
0:01:26	0.174805	0.0123538	0.0121849
0:01:40	0.175528	0.0121679	0.0131894
0:01:56	0.175833	0.0117657	0.0136914
0:02:11	0.176016	0.0113947	0.0139394
0:02:26	0.175808	0.0106629	0.0125744
0:02:41	0.175774	0.0119875	0.0133839
0:02:56	0.178398	0.0135266	0.0151107
0:03:10	0.160365	0.0180278	0.0261941
0:03:26	0.139195	0.0208042	0.041362
0:03:40	0.121319	0.0224043	0.0496303
0:03:56	0.117563	0.0210142	0.0512819
0:04:11	0.113835	0.0203569	0.0508495
0:04:26	0.113284	0.0197965	0.0502404
0:04:40	0.112586	0.019978	0.0489818
0:04:56	0.111445	0.0196613	0.0478173
0:05:11	0.111163	0.0194704	0.0478721
0:05:26	0.110858	0.0195888	0.0465703
0:05:41	0.110227	0.0200039	0.0465559
0:05:55	0.109321	0.0195649	0.0457594
0:06:11	0.108289	0.0189197	0.0461111

Time-Intensity Curve



Time-Intensity Curve (with elimination of baseline)



9-3. Mechanistic study of ortho-substituent effect through NMR experiments



A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with ibuprofen **2a** (0.20 mmol, 41 mg, 1.0 equiv), **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 0.5 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in C₆D₆ (0.05 *M*). After the full conversion to dimeric acyloxy boronate intermediate **6**, pyridine (0.20 mmol, 16 μ L, 1.0 equiv) was added to this reaction. The percentage of remained active intermediate was then determined by ¹H and ¹¹B NMR (See attached NMR charts for more details).

An obvious perturbation of chemical shift was observed from an equimolecular mixture of intermediate **6ab** and pyridine. This observation suggests that intermediate **6ab**, generated from carboxylic acid **2a** and boronic acid **1b**, was completely coordinated with pyridine to form a new ate complex. Meanwhile, only less than 30% of an ate complex was observed for **6ac**, generated from **1c**.

9-4. Mechanistic study of amidation reaction through in-situ IR analysis



A 20-mL, single-necked, round-bottomed flask, equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar and inserted with a Mettler-Toledo ReactIR 15 Dicomp(diamond) probe through a PTFE-lined septum, was charged with carboxylic acid **2a** (1.0 mmol, 206 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1.0 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in DCM (0.2 *M*). *In-situ* ReactIR detection started, followed by the addition of $ArB(OH)_2$ **1** (0.4 mmol, 104 mg, 0.4 equiv for **1b**; 0.2 mmol, 52 mg, 0.2 equiv for **1c**). The generation of mix-anhydride intermediate **6** was then observed. After full conversion of **1** to **6** was achieved, benzylamine **3a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwisely to the reaction solution. [vigorous environmental change might cause machine error] The *in-situ* ReactIR detection was stopped over 30 more minutes of stirring.

10. ESI-MS analysis of mixed anhydride intermediates (Scheme 3)

Proposed mixed anhydride intermediates were observed in ESI-MS analysis (positive mode). A solution of a mixed anhydride intermediate was prepared in $ClCH_2CH_2Cl$ through general experimental procedure (as described in the Section 8). Then, 50 mL of the solution was diluted with eluent ($ClCH_2CH_2Cl$, 200 mL) in a syringe, and injected to ESI-MS (positive mode).

The spectrum of dimeric mixed anhydride intermediate 6ac, consisting of 1c and ibuprofen 2a. Only the peak (m/z = 913.2527) of dimeric intermediate was observed, which was identified as [M + K]⁺ (calculated for m/z = 913.2515).





11. Initial Rate Kinetic Experiments (Figure 3)

11-1. Initial rate kinetic experiments of catalyst 1c



A 20-mL, double-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with **2a** (0.50 mmol, 103.2 mg, 1.0 equiv), **1c** (0.025 mmol, 0.050 mmol, 0.075 mmol, 0.10 mmol, respectively) and 1g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in chloroform-*d* (5 mL, 0.1 *M*). After the mixture was stirred for 10 min, then **3a** (0.50 mmol, 53.6 mg, 1.0 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was continuously stirred at room temperature. Reaction samples (0.1 mL) were collected by using syringes in 0.5 min, 3 min, 6 min, 9 min, 12 min, 15 min, respectively. Those samples were directly filtered through a disposable memberane filter unit (13JP050AN) into NMR tubes, and a portion of D₂O (0.1 mL), chloroform-*d* (0.3 mL) was followingly added. Reaction conversion and the concentration of product **5aa** was then determined by ¹H NMR.

Raw data:

5 mol% 1c [1c] = 5 m <i>M</i>		10 mol% 1c [1c] = 10 m <i>M</i>			
Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)		
0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3		
3	1.0	3	1.4		
6	1.4	6	2.0		
9	2.1	9	3.1		
12	2.8	12	4.0		
15	3.5	15	5.0		

15 mol% 1c [1c] =	= 15 m <i>M</i>	20 mol% 1c [1c] = 20 m <i>M</i>	
Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)
0.5	0.9	0.5	1.4
3	3.6	3	4.4
6	6.3	6	7.9
9	8.9	9	11.2
12	11.1	12	13.8
15	13.5	15	16.5



After data handling: Order in catalyst 1c = 1.2

11-2. Initial rate kinetic experiments of amine 3a



A 20-mL, double-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with **2a** (0.50 mmol, 103.2 mg, 1.0 equiv), **1c** (0.050 mmol, 129.0 mg, 0.1 equiv) and 1 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in chloroform-*d* (5 ml, 0.1 *M*). After the mixture was stirred for 10 min, then **3a** (0.25 mmol, 0.375 mmol, 0.50 mmol, 0.625 mmol, respectively) was added. The resulting mixture was continuously stirred at room temperature. Reaction samples (0.1 mL) were collected by using syringes in 0.5 min, 3 min, 6 min, 9 min, 12 min, 15 min, respectively. Those samples were directly filtered through a disposable memberane filter unit (13JP050AN) into NMR tubes, and a portion of D₂O (0.1 mL), chloroform-*d* (0.3 mL) was followingly added. Reaction conversion and the concentration of product **5aa** was then determined by ¹H-NMR. [Attention. Because of the salt formation between acid and amine, concentration scope better be narrow down to 50 ~ 125 m*M*. Otherwise may cause bad linearity] Raw data:

Raw data for determing the reaction order in amine 3a

0.25 mmol 3a [3a] = 50 m <i>M</i>		0.375 mmol 3a [3	3a] = 75 m <i>M</i>	
Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	
0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	
3	0.6	3	1.3	
6	1.0	6	2.1	
9	1.5	9	3.0	
12	2.1	12	4.0	
15	2.8	15	4.8	

0.50 mmol 3a [3a] = 100 m <i>M</i>		0.625 mmol 3a [3a] = 125 m <i>M</i>		
Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	
0.5	0.5	0.5	1.4	
3	1.7	3	4.4	
6	3.0	6	7.9	
9	4.4	9	11.2	
12	5.8	12	13.8	
15	6.4	15	16.5	



After data handling: Order in amine 3a = 1.1

11-3. Initial rate kinetic experiments of acid 2a



A 20-mL, double-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar was charged with 2a (0.25 mmol, 0.375 mmol, 0.50 mmol, 0.625 mmol, respectively), 1c (0.050 mmol, 129.0 mg, 0.1 equiv) and 1 g of activated molecular sieves 3Å (powder) in chloroform-*d* (5 ml, 0.1 *M*). After the mixture was stirred for 10 min, then 3a (0.50 mmol, 53.6 mg, 1.0 equiv) was

added. The resulting mixture was continuously stirred at room temperature. Reaction samples (0.1 mL) were collected by using syringes in 0.5 min, 3 min, 6 min, 9 min, 12 min, 15 min, respectively. Those samples were directly filtered through a disposable memberane filter unit (13JP050AN) into NMR tubes, and a portion of D₂O (0.1 mL), chloroform-*d* (0.3 mL) was followingly added. Reaction conversion and the concentration of product **5aa** was then determined by ¹H-NMR. [Attention. Because of the salt formation between **2a** and **3a**, concentration scope better be narrow down to 50 ~ 125 m*M*. Otherwise may cause bad linearity] Raw data:

0.25 mmol 2a [2a] = 50 m <i>M</i>		0.375 mmol 2a [2	2 a] = 75 m <i>M</i>
Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)
0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3
3	1.2	3	1.3
6	2.4	6	2.2
9	3.2	9	3.3
12	4.1	12	4.2
15	5.0	15	5.1

Raw data for determing the reaction order in acid 2a

0.50 mmol 2a [2a] = 100 m <i>M</i>		0.625 mmol 2a [2a] = 125 m <i>M</i>	
Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)	Time (min)	[5aa] (m <i>M</i>)
0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3
3	1.4	3	1.3
6	2.0	6	2.0
9	3.1	9	3.0
12	4.0	12	4.1
15	5.0	15	4.9





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13. ¹H, ¹¹B, ¹⁹F and ¹³C NMR Charts of New Compounds

 13 C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)


13 C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)







¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) in Table 1





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), Table 2



 ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃), in Table 2



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), Table 2





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), Table 2





 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 4 in Table 2





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), Table 2





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), Table 2





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), Table 2



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3





¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3







¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) in Table 3



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CD₃OD)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 1 (1st step) in Table 4



 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), entry 2 (1 $^{\text{st}}$ step) in Table 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 3 (1st step) in Table 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 4 (1st step) in Table 4


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 5 (1st step) in Table 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 6 (1st step) in Table 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 1 (2nd step) in Table 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 2 (2nd step) in Table 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 5 (2nd step) in Table 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), entry 6 (2nd step) in Table 4



 ^{11}B NMR (128 MHz, C₆D₆), **6ab** in Scheme 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆), **6ab** in Scheme 4



 ^{11}B NMR (128 MHz, C₆D₆), **6ac** in Scheme 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆), **6ac** in Scheme 4



¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, C_6D_6), **6ab** + pyridine in Scheme 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆), **6ab** + pyridine in Scheme 4



 ^{11}B NMR (128 MHz, C₆D₆), **6ac** + pyridine in Scheme 4



¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆), **6ac** + pyridine in Scheme 4



15. HPLC Charts of Amides 5ed, 5f and dipeptides 5.

Amide **5ed** in Table 2



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Racemic sample of amide 5ff in Table 2



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Amide **5ff** in Table 2



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Racemic sample of dipeptide 5gf in Table 3



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Dipeptide 5gf in Table 3



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Racemic sample of dipeptide 5if in Table 3



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Dipeptide 5if in Table 3



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Racemic sample of dipeptide 5jf in Table 3



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Dipeptide 5jf in Table 3



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Racemic sample of dipeptide 5kf in Table 3



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Dipeptide 5kf in Table 3



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Racemic sample of dipeptide 5id in Table 3





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Dipeptide 5id in Table 3



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Racemic sample of dipeptide 5hg in Table 3



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Dipeptide 5hg in Table 3



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Racemic sample of dipeptide 5hh in Table 3



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