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Supplementary information

Lewis acid promoted fluorine-alkoxy group exchange reactions for the synthesis of 5alkoxy-4,4-difluoroisoxazoline systems

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General Information:

¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECZ400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS: 0 ppm) as an internal standard. Chemical shifts of ¹⁹F NMR are reported in ppm from benzotrifluoride (BTF: 0 ppm) as an internal standard. All data are reported as follows: chemical shifts, relative integration value, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz). Mass spectra were obtained on JEOL JMS-700T spectrometers. IR spectra were recorded on JASCO FT/IR-410 spectrophotometer. Melting points were measured on Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus MP-S3. Analytical gas-liquid chromatography (GLC) was carried out on Hitachi G-3500 gas chromatograph (column; TO-5 0.25 mm x 15 m, carrier; He at 2.2 mL/min). Peak areas were calculated on Hitachi D-2500 Chromato-integrator. Microwave reactions were performed in microwave tubes with clip lids using Biotage Initiator+ microwave reactor.

Materials:

Sulfolane and 1,4-dioxane were distilled before use. All other commercially available reagents were used without further purification. All experiments were carried out under argon atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Syntheses of 4,4,5-trifluoroisoxazolines derivatives (3) were reported earlier.

Synthesis of 4,4-difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-5-ol (4aA).



4,4,5-Trifluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (**3a**; 0.4 mmol) was disolved in HCl– 1,4-dioxane solution (3 mL, HCl : 1,4-dioxane = 1:2), and the mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with 10% HCl and extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt layer was washed with sat. aq. NaCl and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt : hexane = 1:9) to give **4aA** (86 mg, 78%).

General procedure for Lewis acid promoted fluorine-alkoxy group exchange reaction.



To a solution of 4,4,5-trifluoroisoxazoline (3; 0.4 mmol) and alcohol (5, 0.6 mmol) in 1,4-

dioxane (3 mL) was added 1.0 M SnCl₄ in heptane (0.4 mL, 0.4 mmol) at ambient temperature and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with 10% HCl and extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt layer was washed with sat. aq. NaCl and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 5-alkoxy-4,4-difluoroisoxazoline (4).

General procedure for alkoxy-fluorination of isoxazoles.



Isoxazole (1 or 2; 1 mmol), MeOH (1.5 mmol) and SelectfluorTM (3 mmol when using 1, or 2 mmol when using 2) were added to a microwave vial and suspended in sulfolane (4 mL). The vial was sealed and heated by microwave irradiation for 1h at 150 °C. The resulting mixture was quenched with NaHCO₃ and, extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt layer was washed with sat. NaCl and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give **4aB**.

Spectroscopic Data: 4,4-Difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-5-ol (4aA)



Colorless solid; M.p. 109.0–111.0 °C (recrystallized from hexane–AcOEt); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.96 (1H, s), 7.41–7.53 (6H, m), 7.63–7.66 (2H, m), 7.83–7.85 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 103.0 (dd, J = 33.1, 19.4 Hz), 124.6 (dd, J = 267.8, 255.2 Hz), 124.9 (m), 126.8 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 127.1 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 128.5, 129.1, 130.3, 131.6, 132.7 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 153.7 (dd, J = 25.9, 24.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -37.54 (1F, d, J = 266.3 Hz), -57.23 (1F, d, J = 266.3 Hz); MS *m/z*: 275 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₂NO₂: 275.076 (M⁺), Found: 275.076; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 2982, 1450, 1365, 1242, 1127, 1098.

4,4-Difluoro-5-methoxy-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aB)



Pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 3.35 (3H, s), 7.44-7.52 (6H, m), 7.63-7.65

(2H, m), 7.85–7.88 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 51.71, 105.3 (dd, J = 33.2, 17.5 Hz), 125.0 (m), 125.1 (dd, J = 271.6, 252.7 Hz), 126.9 (m), 127.7 (m), 128.7, 129.0, 130.2, 131.5, 154.9 (dd, J = 26.1, 24.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -34.8 (1F, d, J = 265.6 Hz), -62.61 (1F, d, J = 265.6 Hz); MS *m/z*: 289 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₂NO₂: 289.091 (M⁺), Found: 289.092; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3064, 1247, 1130, 1098.

4,4-Difluoro-5-isopropoxy-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aC)



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.10 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz), 1.25 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.99 (1H, sep, J = 6.2 Hz), 7.45–7.53 (6H, m), 7.66–7.68 (2H, m), 7.86–7.87 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 23.66, 23.83, 69.19, 105.6 (dd, J = 32.1, 17.3 Hz), 125.1 (dd, J = 271.5, 252.7 Hz), 125.3 (m), 126.9 (m), 127.7 (m), 128.4, 129.0, 130.0, 131.4, 131.9 (m), 154.9 (dd, J = 26.1, 24.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -35.4 (1F, d, J = 263.8 Hz), -62.3 (1F, d, J = 263.8 Hz); MS *m/z*: 317 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇F₂NO₂: 317.123 (M⁺), Found: 317.123; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3063, 2977, 1247, 1129, 1091.

5-(Benzyloxy)-4,4-difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aE)



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 4.47 (1H, m), 4.75 (1H, m), 7.24–7.53 (11H, m), 7.69–7.74 (2H, m), 7.86–7.88 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 66.31, 105.2 (dd, J = 33.4, 17.6 Hz), 125.0, 125.1 (dd, J = 272.2, 251.9 Hz), 126.9, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 128.4, 128.7, 129.0, 130.3, 130.6, 131.6, 136.9, 155.0 (dd, J = 25.4, 24.8 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -34.7 (1F, d, J = 265.1 Hz), -62.1 (1F, d, J = 265.1 Hz); MS *m/z*: 365 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₂NO₂: 365.123 (M⁺), Found: 365.123; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3063, 2977, 1247, 1129, 1091.

5-(Allyloxy)-4,4-difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aF)



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.96 (1H, m), 4.20 (1H, m), 5.16 (1H, m), 5.28 (1H, m), 5.89 (1H, m), 7.45–7.53 (6H, m), 7.64–7.67 (2H, m), 7.86–7.88 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 65.53, 105.2 (dd, *J* = 33.3, 17.7 Hz), 117.2, 125.1 (dd, *J* = 272.0,

252.8 Hz), 125.0 (m), 126.9 (m), 127.6 (m), 128.7, 129.0, 130.2, 130.6 (m), 131.5, 133.4, 154.8 (dd, J = 26.0, 24.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -34.8 (1F, d, J = 265.1 Hz), -62.3 (1F, d, J = 265.1 Hz); MS *m/z*: 315 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅F₂NO₂: 315.107 (M⁺), Found: 315.107; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3065, 1247, 1130, 1091.

4,4-Difluoro-5-phenoxy-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aG)



Pale yellow sticky oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.93–7.01 (3H, m), 7.12–7.16 (2H, m), 7.39–7.43 (3H, m), 7.45–7.54 (3H, m), 7.64–7.67 (2H, m), 7.88–7.90 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 105.1 (dd, J = 34.1, 17.4 Hz), 120.2, 123.3, 124.7 (m), 125.5 (dd, J = 274.2, 253.3 Hz), 127.0 (m), 127.7, 128.6, 129.1, 129.1, 130.2, 130.4, 131.8, 153.0, 154.9 (dd, J = 25.8, 24.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -35.1 (1F, d, J = 263.4 Hz), -61.1 (1F, d, J = 263.4 Hz); MS *m/z*: 351 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅F₂NO₂: 351.107 (M⁺), Found: 351.106; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3064, 3042, 1591, 1494, 1450, 1247, 1214, 1132, 1061.

4,4-Difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aH)



Colorless sticky oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.68 (3H, s), 6.64–6.69 (2H, m), 6.89– 6.93 (2H, m), 7.40–7.43 (3H, m), 7.46–7.55 (3H, m), 7.64–7.67 (2H, m), 7.88–7.91 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 55.41, 105.2 (dd, *J* = 33.8, 17.5 Hz), 114.1, 121.9, 124.8 (m), 125.5 (dd, *J* = 273.8, 253.3 Hz), 127.0 (m), 127.8 (m), 128.5, 129.1, 130.2, 130.5 (m), 131.7, 146.5, 155.1 (dd, *J* = 26.0, 24.1 Hz), 155.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -35.0 (1F, d, *J* = 263.8 Hz), -61.3 (1F, d, *J* = 263.8 Hz); MS *m/z*: 381 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₂NO₃: 381.118 (M⁺), Found: 381.117; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3063, 2953, 1247, 1206, 1130, 1063.

5-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-yloxy)-4,4-difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aJ)



Colorless sticky oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.02–7.12 (3H, m), 7.19–7.53 (14H, m), 7.76–7.78 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 105.3 (dd, J = 34.2, 17.5 Hz), 120.4, 123.8, 124.6 (m), 125.5 (dd, J = 275.1, 253.4 Hz), 126.9, 127.0 (m), 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.5, 129.0, 129.8, 130.1, 130.5, 130.9, 131.6, 134.2, 138.0, 149.8, 154.8 (dd, J = 25.7, 24.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -34.8 (1F, d, J = 262.5 Hz), -59.7 (1F, d, J = 262.5 Hz); MS *m/z*: 427 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₂₇H₁₉F₂NO₂: 427.138 (M⁺), Found: 427.139; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3063, 1600, 1502, 1479, 1247, 1207, 1061.

4,4-Difluoro-5-methoxy-3,5-di-p-tolyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4bB)



Colorless soid; M.p. 86.0–86.5 °C (recrystallized from MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 2.40 (3H, s), 2.41 (3H, s), 3.33 (3H, s), 7.26–7.30 (4H, m), 7.50–7.53 (2H, m), 7.74–7.76 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 21.36, 21.62, 51.58, 105.2 (dd, J = 33.2, 17.7 Hz), 122.2 (m), 125.1 (dd, J = 271.3, 252.4 Hz), 126.8 (m), 127.2 (m), 127.6 (m), 129.4, 129.7, 140.2, 142.0, 154.8 (dd, J = 26.1, 24.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -34.9 (1F, d, J = 265.1 Hz), -62.8 (1F, d, J = 265.1 Hz); MS *m/z*: 317 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇F₂NO₂: 317.123 (M⁺), Found: 317.123; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3017, 2976, 2942, 1249, 1127, 1092.

3,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-4,4-difluoro-5-methoxy-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4cB)



Colorless soid; M.p. 95.5–96.5 °C (recrystallized from MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.34 (3H, s), 7.44–7.49 (4H, m), 7.54–7.58 (2H, m), 7.78–7.80 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 51.80, 105.0 (dd, *J* = 33.1, 17.6 Hz), 123.2 (m), 124.8 (dd, *J* = 271.9, 252.9 Hz), 128.1 (m), 128.5 (m), 129.1, 129.1 (m), 129.5, 136.6, 138.0, 154.1 (dd, *J* = 26.1, 24.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -34.9 (1F, d, *J* = 265.5 Hz), -62.6 (1F, d, *J* = 265.5 Hz); MS *m/z*: 357 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁Cl₂F₂NO₂: 357.014 (M⁺), Found: 357.014; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 2977, 1246, 1123, 1091.

4,4-Difluoro-5-methoxy-3-methyl-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4dB)



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 2.16 (3H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 3.28 (3H, s), 7.44– 7.47 (3H, m), 7.55–7.59 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.78, 51.49, 104.0 (dd, J =33.2, 16.9 Hz), 124.6 (dd, J = 269.4, 251.5 Hz), 127.6, 128.6, 130.1, 130.4, 154.6 (dd, J =29.2, 25.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -40.3 (1F, dq, J = 266.4, 2.4 Hz), -68.0 (1F, d, J = 266.4 Hz); MS *m/z*: 227 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁F₂NO₂: 227.076 (M⁺), Found: 227.075; IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3065, 2946, 1243, 1119.

5'-(4,4-Difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-5-yl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-ol (6aK)



Colorless solid; M.p. 65.5–71.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.50 (1H, s), 7.31–7.54 (18H, m), 7.60–7.62 (2H, m), 7.86–7.88 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 90.51 (t, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 128.2 (t, *J* = 260.2 Hz), 125.2 (m), 126.8, 127.2, 127.7 (m), 127.9, 128.4, 128.6, 128.6, 128.9, 128.9, 129.0, 129.4, 131.2, 135.7 (m), 137.1, 149.6, 153.6 (t, *J* = 25.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -34.7 (1F, d, *J* = 257.8 Hz), -35.5 (1F, d, *J* = 257.8 Hz); MS *m/z*: 503 (M⁺); HRMS Calcd for C₃₃H₂₃F₂NO₂: 503.170 (M⁺), Found: 503.170; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3533, 3060, 1496, 1469, 1233, 1106.

¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra.



4,4-Difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-5-ol (4aA)







4,4-Difluoro-5-methoxy-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aB)







4,4-Difluoro-5-isopropoxy-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aC)























4,4-Difluoro-5-phenoxy-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aG)







4,4-Difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aH)







5-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-yloxy)-4,4-difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4aJ)







4,4-Difluoro-5-methoxy-3,5-di-p-tolyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4bB)







3,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-4,4-difluoro-5-methoxy-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4cB)







4,4-Difluoro-5-methoxy-3-methyl-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (4dB)







5'-(4,4-Difluoro-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-5-yl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-ol (6aK)



