## Supporting Information

# Synthesis of chiral fluorinated quaternary carbon containing $\beta$ -ketoesters by direct organocatalytic asymmetric conjugate addition reactions of fluoroketoesters with nitroolefins

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**General Information:** Commercial reagents were used as received, unless otherwise stated. Merck 60 silica gel was used for chromatography, and Whatman silica gel plates with fluorescence  $F_{254}$  were used for thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Broker Avance 500, and tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as a reference. Data for <sup>1</sup>H are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm), and multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet). Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported as ppm. Mass Spectra were obtained from Ohio State University Mass Spectral facility.

General Procedure for addition of ethyl 2-fluoro-3-oxobutanoate to *trans*- $\beta$ -Nitrostyrenes: 0.105 mmol *trans*- $\beta$ -Nitrostyrenes in the presence of 1 mol % catalyst in 0.5 ml 1,2-dichloethane was added 0.1 mmol ethyl 2-fluoro-3-oxobutanoate and the resulting solution stirred for 24-48 h at rt. The solution was purified by silica gel chromatography without work-up and fractions were collected and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide the desired products.

(2*S*, 3*S*) Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate (3a) (Table 2, entry 1): Yield: 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.31 (m, 8H), 4.83-4.89 (m, 2H), 4.53-4.76 (m, 2.5H), 4.33 (dq, 2H,  $J_I = 1.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.0$  Hz) (major), 3.98 (q, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor), 2.34 (d, 1.5H, J = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.87 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz) (major), 0.99 (t, 1.5H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.3, 201.1, 199.6, 199.3, 164.5, 164.3, 163.8, 163.7, 133.0, 132.4, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 101.7, 101.3, 100.0, 99.6, 75.21, 75.18, 63.5, 63.0, 47.2, 47.0, 46.4, 46.3, 29.6, 26.3, 25.7, 13.8, 13.5;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = + 33.0$  (c = 3.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AS-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{Rmajor} = 19.09$  (major), 22.13 (minor) min;  $t_{Rminor} = 21.33$  (major), 27.55 (minor) min, ee = 97% (major) and 96% (minor).



(2S, 3S) Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-nitrobutanoate (3b) (Table 2, entry 2): Yield: 95%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29 (m, 2.3H), 7.03 (m, 2.4H), 4.81 (m, 2H), 4.63 (m, 2H), 4.33 (q, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz) (major), 4.01 (q, 0.5H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor), 2.34 (d, 0.8H, J = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.91 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.04 (t, 0.7H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.0, 200.8, 164.4, 164.2, 163.8, 163.5, 161.8, 131.35, 131.28, 131.03, 130.98, 128.9, 128.3, 116.1, 115.9, 115.8, 101.2, 99.6, 75.2, 63.6, 63.1, 46.5, 46.3, 45.7, 45.6, 26.3, 25.7, 13.81, 13.50;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +$  24.2 (c = 4.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AS-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{\text{Rmajor}} = 17.69$  (major), 23.44 (minor) min;  $t_{\text{Rminor}} = 19.70$  (major), 28.16 (minor) min, ee = 98% (major) and 97% (minor).



(25, 35) Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate (3c) (Table 2, entry 3): Yield: 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29 (m, 5.6H), 4.82 (m, 2H), 4.61 (m, 2H), 4.33 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (major), 4.02 (q, 0.5H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (minor), 2.34 (d, 0.7H, *J* = 5.0 Hz) (minor), 1.93 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.34 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.05 (t, 0.6H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.9, 200.6, 199.3, 199.1, 164.3, 164.1, 135.0, 131.6, 131.0, 130.9, 130.5, 129.2 129.1, 101.2, 99.5, 75.09, 75.06, 63.7, 63.2, 46.5, 46.3, 45.8, 45.6, 26.3, 25.7, 13.8, 13.6;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = + 38.2$  (*c* = 3.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm); *t*<sub>Rmajor</sub> = 27.36 (major), 69.24 (minor) min; *t*<sub>Rminor</sub> = 33.27 (major), 44.83 (minor) min, ee = 98% (major) and 97% (minor).



(2*S*, 3*S*) Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate (3d) (Table 2, entry 4): Yield: 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.47 (m, 2.5H), 7.20 (m, 2.5H), 4.82 (m, 2H), 4.60 (m, 2H), 4.33 (m, 2H) (major), 4.03 (m, 0.5H) (minor), 2.34 (d, 0.8H, J = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.94 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz) (major), 1.05 (t, 0.8H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.9, 200.6, 199.3, 199.1, 164.3, 164.1, 163.6, 163.4, 132.2, 132.1, 131.6, 131.2, 130.8, 123.1, 101.1, 99.4, 75.03, 75.00, 63.7, 63.2, 46.6, 46.4, 45.9, 45.7, 26.3, 25.7, 13.8, 13.6;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +19.2$  (c = 5.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{\text{Rmajor}} = 35.15$  (major), 46.91 (minor) min;  $t_{\text{Rminor}} = 39.98$  (major), 75.02 (minor) min, ee = 99% (major) and 94% (minor).

(25, 35) Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate (3e) (Table 2, entry 5): Yield: 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.47 (m, 2.5H), 7.20 (m, 2.5H), 4.82 (m, 2H), 4.60 (m, 2H), 4.33 (m, 2H) (major), 4.03 (m, 0.5H) (minor), 2.34 (d, 0.8H, J = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.94 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz) (major), 1.06 (t, 0.8H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.9, 200.6, 199.3, 199.1, 164.3, 164.1, 163.6, 163.4, 132.2, 132.1, 131.6, 131.2, 130.8, 123.1, 101.1, 99.4, 75.03, 75.00, 63.7, 63.2, 46.6, 46.4, 45.9, 45.7, 26.3, 25.7, 13.8, 13.6;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +18.6$  (c = 5.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{Rmajor} = 35.15$  (major), 46.91 (minor) min;  $t_{Rminor} = 39.98$  (major), 75.02 (minor) min, ee = 98% (major) and 97% (minor).



(2S, 3S) Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-p-tolylbutanoate (3f) (Table 2, entry 6): Yield: 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.16 (m, 5.0H), 4.82 (d, 2.4H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.61 (m, 2.4H), 4.32 (q, 2H, J =

7.0 Hz) (major), 4.00 (m, 0.5H) (minor), 2.32 (d, 1.7H, J = 5.0 Hz) (minor), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.33 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.04 (t, 0.7H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.2, 201.0, 199.7, 199.4, 164.6, 164.4, 163.9, 163.7, 138.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 101.4, 99.7, 75.36, 75.33, 63.5, 63.0, 46.9, 46.8, 46.1, 46.0, 26.3, 25.7, 21.0, 13.8, 13.6;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +31.5$  (c = 4.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 95:5, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{Rmajor} = 32.05$  (major), 48.27 (minor) min;  $t_{Rminor} = 43.83$  (major), 40.72 (minor) min, ee = 99% (major) and 98% (minor).



(25, 35) Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-nitrobutanoate (3g) (Table 2, entry 7): Yield: 95%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.23 (m, 2.5H), 6.84 (d, 2H, *J* =8.5 Hz), 4.81 (d, 2H, *J* =7.5 Hz), 4.61 (m, 2H), 4.32 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz) (major), 4.01 (q, 0.7H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (minor), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.33 (d, 0.7H, *J* = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.89 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.33 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.04 (t, 0.9H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.3, 201.1, 199.7, 199.4, 164.6, 164.4, 159.8, 130.6, 130.3, 124.8, 124.1, 114.3, 114.2, 101.4, 99.8, 75.4, 63.5, 63.0, 55.1, 46.6, 45.5, 45.8, 45.7, 26.3, 25.7, 13.8, 13.6;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = + 31.0$  (*c* = 4.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm);  $t_{\text{Rmajor}} = 23.47$  (major), 34.58 (minor) min;  $t_{\text{Rminor}} = 25.91$  (major), 29.88 (minor) min, ee = 98% (major) and 95% (minor).



(25, 35) Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate (3h) (Table 2, entry 8): Yield: 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32-7.40 (m, 6.5H), 7.22 (m, 2.7H), 6.91 (m, 2.7H), 5.01 (s, 2.7H), 4.80 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.56 (m, 2H), 4.32 (m, 2H) (major), 3.99 (q, 0.6H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (minor), 2.32 (d, 0.9H, *J* = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.33 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.01 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.3, 201.1, 199.6, 199.4, 164.6, 164.4, 163.9, 163.7, 159.1, 136.6, 136.5, 130.7, 130.3, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 125.1, 124.4, 115.3, 115.1, 101.4, 99.8, 75.4, 70.0, 63.5, 63.0, 46.6, 46.5, 45.8, 45.7, 26.3, 25.7, 13.8, 13.6;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = + 22.7$  (*c* = 5.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm); *t*<sub>Rmajor</sub> = 28.20 (major), 57.72 (minor) min; *t*<sub>Rminor</sub> = 33.23 (major), 42.24 (minor) min, ee = 98% (major) and 97% (minor).



(2S, 3S) Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(2-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate (3i) (Table 2, entry 9): Yield: 90%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.50 (m, 3.5H), 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.24 (m, 1.5H), 6.94 (m, 3H), 5.33 (m, 1.5H), 5.11 (s, 3H), 4.71-4.88 (m, 3H), 4.29 (q, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz) (major), 3.95 (m, 1.2H) (minor), 2.32 (d, 1.8H, J = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.96 (d, 3H, J = 5.0 Hz) (major), 1.31 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz) (major), 0.90 (t, 1.9H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.1, 199.9, 199.7, 199.5, 164.9, 164.7,

164.3, 164.1, 156.4, 136.7, 136.6, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 122.4, 121.7, 121.2, 112.9, 112.5, 101.7, 101.3, 100.0, 99.6, 75.22, 75.18, 75.0, 70.5, 70.4, 63.4, 62.8, 39.4, 26.1, 25.7, 13.8, 13.4;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +$  18.1 (c = 2.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 95:5, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{Rmajor} = 30.39$  (major), 41.43 (minor) min;  $t_{Rminor} = 26.50$  (major), 32.96 (minor) min, ee = 97% (major) and 95% (minor).

(2S, 3S) Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate (3j) (Table 2, entry 10): Yield: 95%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.76 (m, 3.6H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2.5H), 4.76 (s, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.43-4.67 (m, 2.6H), 4.30 (q, 2H, J = 6.5 Hz) (major), 4.03 (q, 0.6H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor), 2.31 (d, 1H, J = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 1.94 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.31 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.06 (t, 0.8H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.1, 200.9, 164.5, 164.3, 148.0, 126.2, 125.6, 123.3, 123.0, 109.4, 109.2, 108.6, 108.4, 101.3, 99.7, 75.4, 63.5, 63.1, 46.9, 46.8, 46.1, 46.0, 26.4, 25.7, 13.8, 13,7;  $[\alpha]_D^{2^3} = + 28.7$  (c = 5.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{Rmajor} = 39.20$  (major), 59.40 (minor) min;  $t_{Rminor} = 46.80$  (major) min, ee = 97% (major) and 99% (minor).



(2S, 3R) Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-fluoro-3-(furan-2-yl)-4-nitrobutanoate (3k) (Table 2, entry 11): Yield: 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.27 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.87 (m, 1.2H), 4.73 (m, 2.6H), 4.31 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (major), 4.16 (m, 0.5H) (minor), 2.30 (d, 0.8H, *J* = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 2.04 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.5 Hz) (major), 1.31 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.17 (t, 0.8H, *J* = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.9, 200.7, 164.2, 164.0, 146.7, 146.1, 143.4, 143.3, 110.9, 110.7, 110.3, 100.1, 98.4, 73.2, 63.6, 63.3, 41.4, 41.2, 40.9, 40.7, 29.6, 25.73, 25.66, 13.8;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +19.8$  (*c* = 4.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{\text{Rmajor}} = 15.77$  (major), 39.61 (minor) min;  $t_{\text{Rminor}} = 19.31$  (major), 28.09 (minor) min, ee = 99% (major) and 99% (minor).

(25, 35) Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-(thiophen-2-yl)butanoate (31) (Table 2, entry 12):: Yield: 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29 (d, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.67-4.99 (m, 4H), 4.33 (q, 2H, J = 6.5 Hz) (major), 4.10 (q, 0.6H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor), 2.36 (d, 0.8H, J = 4.5 Hz) (minor), 2.04 (d, 3H, J = 5.0 Hz) (major), 1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz) (major), 1.12 (t, 0.8H, J = 7.0 Hz) (minor); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.9, 200.6, 164.2, 164.0, 134.0, 133.5, 129.2, 128.5, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 100.8, 99.1, 76.2, 75.9, 63.7, 63.3, 43.1, 42.9, 42.2, 42.0, 29.6, 26.3, 25.9, 13.8;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +$  16.4 (c = 3.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate

0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{\text{Rmajor}} = 19.44$  (major), 44.81 (minor) min;  $t_{\text{Rminor}} = 24.47$  (major), 36.31 (minor) min, ee = 99% (major) and 98% (minor).

(2*S*, 3*S*) Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-fluoro-3-(nitromethyl)octanoate (3m) (Table 2, entry 13): Yield: 75%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.58 (q, 1H,  $J_1$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 14.0 Hz), 4.36 (q, 1H,  $J_1$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 14.0 Hz), 4.24 (q, 2H, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.33 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz), 1.24-1.41 (m, 11H), 0.86 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.4, 201.2, 164.8, 164.6, 101.8, 100.2, 74.5, 63.2, 41.4, 41.2, 31.4, 27.9, 26.4, 26.3, 22.2, 13.8, 13.7;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  = - 1.5 (c = 3.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 99.5:0.5, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm);  $t_{\text{Rmajor}}$  = 24.46 (major), 59.20 (minor) min;  $t_{\text{Rminor}}$  = 26.28 (major), 44.57 (minor) min, ee = 98% (major) and 96% (minor).



(S) Dimethyl 2-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2-fluoromalonate (3n) (Table 2, entry 14): Yield: 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.48 (d, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.41 (d, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.28 (m, 2H), 5.35 (m, 1H), 4.98 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 13.5 Hz), 4.75 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 9.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 13.0 Hz), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.9, 164.7, 164.0, 163.8, 135.0, 131.3, 130.3, 130.1, 129.1, 127.6, 95.7, 94.0, 74.92, 74.88, 54.1, 53.4, 42.4, 42.2;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  = + 7.3 (c = 4.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AS-H, Hexane/2-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 235 nm);  $t_R$  = 18.25 (major), 21.86 (minor) min, ee = 86%.

**General Procedure for synthesis of**  $\Delta^1$ **-pyrrolidines**: The fluorine-containing Michael addition product (2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-4- nitrobutanoate can be converted into the corresponding functional  $\Delta^1$ -pyrrolidines under H<sub>2</sub> balloon with catalytic amount Raney Ni in EtOH.



(4S) Ethyl4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-fluoro-2-methyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4): Yield: 80%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hzz), 7.18 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 4.36 (dd, 1H,  $J_I = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 15.0$  Hz), 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.93 (t, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.85-3.98 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 170.1, 166.1, 165.9, 133.7, 129.3, 128.7, 107.2, 105.6, 61.9, 61.7, 61.6, 53.9,53.7, 15.7, 13.7;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -75.3$  (c = 2.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL OJ-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 93:7, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_{\text{Rmajor}} = 24.04$  (major), 31.40 (minor) min;  $t_{\text{Rminor}} = 29.34$  (minor), 80.88 (major) min.

## Crystallography Report

## Experimental for compound **3n**

Large colorless crystals were submitted. These were plates, largest about 2mm long, 1mm wide. These are moderate diffractors. The crystals were cut to suitable dimensions. A crystal of dimensions 0.460 x 0.460 x 0.500 mm<sup>3</sup> was mounted on a standard Bruker X8 Apex2 CCD-based X-ray diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryostream 700 low temperature device, graphite monochramator and normal focus Mo-target X-ray tube ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) operated at 1500 W power (50 kV, 30 mA). The X-ray intensities were measured at 225(2) K; the detector was placed at a distance 4.5 cm from the crystal. A full sphere of data consisting of 3138 frames was collected with a scan width of  $0.5^{\circ}$  in  $\omega$  and phi with an exposure time of 20 s/frame. The data collection time was 25 hrs. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package with a narrow frame algorithm. Preliminary cell constants showed a triclinic cell which could be monoclinic [two cell angles close to 90°]. For completeness, the data were collected in the triclinic system. The integration of the data yielded a total 21749 reflections to a maximum 20 value of 64.40 ° of which 18419 were independent. The final cell constants (Table 1) were based on the xyz centroids of 7017 reflections above  $10\sigma(I)$ . Analysis of the data showed negligible decay during data collection; the data were processed with SAINT, SADABS and corrected for absorption. The structure was solved and refined with the Bruker SHELXTL (version 6.12) software package, using the chiral monoclinic space group P2(1). The absolute configuration was determined from anomalous dispersion effects of Cl. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were included in ideal positions with fixed isotropic U's set to 1.2Uequiv of parent atom. The molecule is chiral with assignment for C7 as S. The structure shows no unusual bond lengths or bond angles. There are several possible hydrogen bond between CH-Cl or CH-O, CH-F. However, hydrogen bonds between C-H and X are considered very weak hydrogen bonds.

| Table S1. Crystal data and structure refine | inent for <b>SII</b> .                      |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Identification code                         | ww77  |                         |
| Empirical formula                           | C13 H13 Cl F N O6                           |                         |
| Formula weight                              | 333.69                                      |                         |
| Temperature                                 | 225(2) K                                    |                         |
| Wavelength                                  | 0.71073 Å                                   |                         |
| Crystal system                              | Monoclinic                                  |                         |
| Space group                                 | P2(1)                                       |                         |
| Unit cell dimensions                        | a = 9.2128(6) Å                             | α= 90°.                 |
|   | b = 7.5548(5)  Å                            | β= 112.449(4)°.         |
|   | c = 11.3782(8)  Å                           | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ . |
| Volume                                      | 731.92(9) Å <sup>3</sup>                    |                         |
| Z   | 2   |                         |
| Density (calculated)                        | 1.514 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                     |                         |
| Absorption coefficient                      | 0.301 mm <sup>-1</sup>                      |                         |
| F(000)                                      | 344   |                         |
| Crystal size                                | 0.50 x 0.46 x 0.46 mm <sup>3</sup>          |                         |
| Theta range for data collection             | 3.61 to 32.19°.                             |                         |
| Index ranges                                | -13<=h<=13, -11<=k<=11, -17<=l<=17          |                         |
| Reflections collected                       | 21749                                       |                         |
| Independent reflections                     | 5088 [R(int) = 0.0235]                      |                         |
| Completeness to theta = $32.19^{\circ}$     | 99.1 %                                      |                         |
| Absorption correction                       | Semi-empirical from equivalents             |                         |
| Max. and min. transmission                  | 0.8739 and 0.8641                           |                         |
| Refinement method                           | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup> |                         |
| Data / restraints / parameters              | 5088 / 1 / 201                              |                         |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.025                                       |                         |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]               | R1 = 0.0341, wR2 = 0.08                     | 34                      |
| R indices (all data)                        | R1 = 0.0405, wR2 = 0.08                     | 375                     |
| Absolute structure parameter                | 0.07(5)                                     |                         |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                 | 0.239 and -0.327 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>          |                         |

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3n.











































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| Ch1-220nm Results | RT     | Area     | Area %  |
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